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NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 2 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I thank all of you who had enough confidence in me to elect me as President of the San Diego Numismatic Society; in turn I have confidence in all of you in that I can rely on you to make my year of office another successful one for the society. Because in the long run, it is the membership that makes a successful organization; the officers only carry out the members' wishes. So we will all pull together to keep the S.D.N.S. one of the best of all numismatic societies - and to make it better all along. And let's have the suggestions of everyone as to how to do this. With best personal wishes to everyone,

- Arthur J. (Fronchy) Vigneault,
President.

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THE SECRETARY SAYS -

"THE 1953 DUES ARE DUE". I would like to see every member bring to each and every meeting the following - -

1. Himself
2. A prospective member
3. A display of his coins

Half of the enjoyment of collecting coins as a hobby is to have your friends see and admire your collection. Every coin that has been minted has some feature that is interesting to everyone. It isn't how rare the coin is but how it is presented in a display that wins prizes for the collector. Please show us your coins.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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OUR SICK LIST is too long this month, although we are glad to say that everyone has recovered. Abe Beck and

Jimmy Crouthamel both were ill for several days; so was the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. And Charlie Leuschner had to make an emergency midnight trip to the hospital. He recovered quickly, and has been all right ever since.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Paul Boltz: Presidential medals; various foreign coins

Clive Foss: Folles of the later Roman Empire

Irving Knickerbocker: U. S. gold; dollars; proof sets

Atwood MacDonald: Canadian proof sets

Lew Panosh: Latest medal of the Society of Medallists; an Eisenhower half dollar struck in Hamburg, Germany

Doc Bruce Wallace: Commemorative half dollars; cents; Roman coins

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Again we were kind of skimpy on exhibits; let's have more next time.

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A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

EHLERS, W. A., Jr. La Mesa

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Some of our members are still taking belated vacations. Bob Flournoy has just returned from one which took him through a lot of the Southwest.

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And Frenchy Vigneault must think that the job of President of the S.D.N.S. is a dangerous one. No sooner did he get elected than he streaked for a bomb shelter. That is, he and his missus ducked into the Carlsbad Caverns of New Mexico - which ought to provide good shelter.

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This is a heck of a time to make that trip - as the Vigneaults discovered. Frenchy reports ice and snow on the roads, in fact so much that they were unable to return via Flagstaff as they had planned.

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So no doubt on his return San Diego looked better than ever to Frenchy.

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When we warned Irving Knickerbocker about the Los Angeles maniac who shot a man because he was well-fed looking and drove a Cadillac, we didn't realize what danger he actually was in. He was in Los Angeles - and in a Cadillac - at the time of the murder.

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In fact, the Knickerbockers have been spending more time in Los Angeles than in San Diego lately. And they spent so much time in the Numismatic Gallery that Abe Kosoff was considering charging them rent.

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PRESEDENTIAL INAUGURAL MEDAL - A gold medal bearing his profile will be presented to President-Elect General Eisenhower on his inauguration. It was designed by Walter Hancock, Lanesville, Massachusetts. The original portrait was slightly modified, as the General thought the first one made him look too grim, with his jaw firmly set and his lips compressed. After the re-touch, he expressed himself as being greatly pleased.

In addition to the gold presentation piece, similar medals will be struck in silver and bronze and sold to the public by the Inaugural Committee. While we don't know the number of bronze pieces to be struck, the silver ones will be limited to 100.

The medals may be obtained from the Inaugural Commitee, 1420 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington 4, D. C. Silver specimens will cost $24 and bronzes $3 each, these prices including postage and all other charges.

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As only one gold medal is being struck, Lew Panosh probably will be sore because he will have to be content with a silver or bronze specimen.

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FINANCIAL NOTE - When Treasurer Paul Boltz paid his dues, did that or did it not reduce our assets two bucks?

COINAGE DURING OCTOBER, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	450,219.50	1,132,000.00	576,000.00
Quarters	506,609.75		1,208,000.00
Dimes	1,932,643.90	346,000.00	
Nickels	520,121.50	97,800.00	
Cents	291,214.30	193,000.00	1,260,150.00

Cumulative, January to October, 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	22,685,947	5,526,000	24,164,800
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	31,907,436	11,267,800	38,524,000
Dimes	77,465,955	36,649,500	102,218,312
Nickels	51,119,880	19,688,500	38,522,300
Cents	81,310,880	77,480,004	392,445,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.
The Philadelphia mint also struck 5,000,000 10-cent and 5,112,000 5-cent pieces for Ethiopia during October.

THE NEW BRITISH COINAGE - The British Mint now has completed arrangements for the issue of coins of Queen Elizabeth II. We have the latest "Numismatic Circular" of Spink and Son, Ltd. and the "Coin and Medal Bulletin" of B. A. Seaby, Ltd., and both give full details of the new coinage. Spink's "Numismatic Circular" especially gives a full and detailed account of the new coins, illustrating it with fine half-tones. Besides showing the new designs, obverses of coins of other British queens and reverses of various previous coins are shown for comparison.

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CORRECTION - On page 3 of last month's Bulletin, the third name in the list of exhibitors should be Gene Johnston. We kind of chopped Gene's name off short. Excuse it, Gene.

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LEGAL NOTE - A couple of months ago we suggested that maybe the idea of establishing a method of expulsion from the C.S.N.A. was aimed at the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. If so, the Hermit now has been offered unexpected and powerful support.
Col. Joe Moss, President of the A.N.A. has written offering to fly to the coast immediately to defend the Hermit. So you see what you would be up against.

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Col. Joe is a lawyer of 43 years experience, and moreover is a Philadelphia one - and we all know that a Philadelphia lawyer is proverbially able to untangle complicated cases. As well as to tangle them up.
So you won't have the slightest chance of winning a case against the Hermit when Col. Joe turns up with his brief case full of nuncs pro tuncs, habeasus corpuses, mandamuses, and other us-es.

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Had the Hermit known that Col. Joe was willing to rescue him, he would have summoned him the time the San Diego police tagged him for parking, thus saving two bucks.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION SPRING CONVENTION - Plans have not yet been completed, but they are under way. The convention will be at the Hotel Tioga, Merced, April 10-12. George Coolures is general chairman in charge, and the Merced Coin Club will be host.

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George Coolures is Fire Chief of the City of Merced, and it ain't at all a bad idea having a fire chief in charge. Because remember the time the Hotel U.S. Grant caught on fire while we were having the San Diego convention in it?

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Mrs. Marie Devlin has joined the California State Numismatic Association.

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Which leads us to remark: how about the others of you who are not yet members? How about joining? The

C.S.N.A. is a very fine and active west coast numismatic organization which puts on outstanding conventions twice a year, publishes a good magazine, and offers other advantages to members. For full information, ask Lew Panosh.

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With the coming of the new year, it occurs to us that maybe Hizzoner Judge Brimelow should give away calendars. Then when anyone asked you what the judge gave you, you could say "Twelve months".

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A cemetery would seem to be an odd place for a coin display, but Glendale, California has one in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. It is located in a small museum the management maintains, located at the top of the hill. The exhibit consists chiefly of ancient coins, which were attributed by Kenny Lee.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting will be held on February 20 at the home of George Bennett, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles. Tom Ward will speak on the Roman Emperor Julian.
At the December meeting Earle Stanton gave an unusual and learned talk of the highest interest; it was "The Trial of Jesus Christ from a Legal Viewpoint". Mr. Stanton analysed the two trials, Jewish and Roman, point by point, and clearly demonstrated that on legal grounds alone, Jesus was "railroaded", to use a common current expression for false conviction. Mr. Stanton explained the points of Jewish law ignored by the Sanhedrin. For instance, the arrest was made under illegal conditions, the trial was held in a place and at a time forbidden by law, the composition of the court was wrong, the nominally complaining witness was an accomplice, and so on. Besides violating Jewish law, much of the proceedings violated the common conceptions of law of any civilized people; such points were the same people acting as accusers, witnesses, and judges; the judges having discussed the actions of the accused previously and formed opinions; the changing of the charge against the

prisoner on the failure to convict; etc. Speaking as a lawyer, Mr. Stanton said that any modern appelate court, presented with the evidence of Jesus' conviction, would be certain to order a new trial.
Mr. Stanton also showed a nice series of coins of Tiberius, Roman Emperor at that time, and Dr. Gleason Archer showed fine specimens of Jewish and other coins of Palestine bearing on Biblical history.

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We see by the Scalecin News that Roy Hill was overlooked in the list of members who had attended all C.S.H.A. conventions. How such a conspicuous guy as Roy could be overlooked is sure hard to understand.

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He's always noisy enough to attract attention.

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But maybe he will be quieter now. The poor guy lost all his teeth.

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HORTICULTURAL NOTE - Orchid growers grow all kinds of fancy orchids; but Doc Bruce Wallace grows the most unique of all. He grows invisible orchids.

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Also, ever since Doc Wallace started raising tropical fish he has said nothing more about going on any fishing trips. So we guess his fancy fish satisfy his piscatorial ambitions.

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FARMER PROTEST - Charlie Louschner is taking drastic steps to reduce the taxes on his property. He is cutting down all his avocado trees.

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And when he gets them all cut down, maybe the county will fool him by placing a tax on weeds.

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We didn't make a very good job of our Christmas cover on last month's Bulletin; well, the editor ain't no artist. If he was, he would be better paid than he is as editor.

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However that may be, with this number we start the

sixth volume of this here Bulletin; ain't it remarkable that we have kept on for so long without anyone shooting the editor?

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The Bulletin early got off our original idea, which was to print a small monthly leaflet giving news of our and other coin clubs, names of new members, remarks about coins by members, etc. But it seems to have become a notorious scandal sheet with a wide circulation, not only in this country but in England as well. (Our English friends are too polite to tell us their real opinion of this thing).

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We especially got off the track in our idea to print remarks by members; they ain't got no remarks. At least, they ain't got 'em to print, because for the past five years we have from time to time needled you to write stuff for the Bulletin, with very poor results. It is very evident that any of you produce an article for the Bulletin (as Clive Foss did last month), and so if we didn't write the whole blame thing single handed, you would have a pretty empty Bulletin.

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We see in the papers that some Englishmen want to excavate in the Tower of London, believing that they have located the spot where a large hoard of coins was buried almost 300 years ago.

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If they find it, we wonder if we would be successful in claiming that we lost that money years ago when we were in the Tower.

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Just to keep the record straight: when we say we were in the Tower, we mean we were there as a visitor, and not as a prisoner.

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Seriously though, if such a hoard turned up, it would certainly be of the highest numismatic importance. And in this case there would be little danger of the find being dissipated before competent experts had

a chance to inspect it, as so often happens. Almost 300 years ago would bring the hoard's date to about the end of the Commonwealth or the beginning of the Restoration of King Charles II.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT -

There are more Russian coins in circulation in Vladivostock than in New York?

Thousand dollar bills are very seldom given in change in F. W. Woolworth 10¢ stores?

The F.B.I. will give far more attention to a worthless lead dollar than to a perfectly good silver one?

Juke boxes cannot be operated with Roman sestertii?

The British Museum coin collection is much larger than that of the San Diego Numismatic Society?

It is more convenient and safer to buy war medals than to get them free by joining the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps?

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We don't know what kind of treatment Paul Boltz now is giving his famous (or notorious?) Boltz proofs, but they are turning purple.

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Are we going to do anything about National Coin Week this year? The last couple of years we sure didn't distinguish ourselves; if we are going to do anything, we ought to start planning now.

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And ain't we been kind of neglecting our convention fund lately?

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The City of San Diego has been squawking about foreign coins in parking meters; that's no way of getting rid of your duplicates, fellers and gals.

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Our installation of officers and dinner will be held before you get this Bulletin, so it's no use our saying anything about that now. We'll give you all the dope next month.

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INFLATION? IT PREVAILED IN ANCIENT ROME -Austin, Texas (UP) - Inflation. Black markets. Price fixing. Sounds familiar?

Those "modern" problems were equally as familiar in the days of the Roman Empire, described in a translation of the Theodosian Code by Dr. Clyde Pharr, University of Texas visiting professor of classical languages.

Dr. Pahrr's translation is the first made of the Theodosian Code.

He said the Roman Empire was a "period of world history that bears many startling resemblances to our own".

"Though we must warn against the easy fallacy", Dr. Pharr wrote, "that history merely moves in cycles and is forever repeating itself, it should be possible to learn something from the past experiences of homo sapiens, often conveniently abbreviated to homo sap".

He said inflation was one of Rome's "most acute problems reflected by the debasement of the currency". "Such inflation ruined great numbers of the middle classes by wiping out their accumulated savings", he added.

Dr. Pharr said taxes were high, too.

"Under one pretext or another", he wrote, "the bureaucracy was able to extort an ever larger amount of taxes and other services, until the burden of supporting the great army of government employees became intolerable and the mass of Roman taxpayers welcomed the invading barbarians and a reversion to a more primitive form of life and government. Thus fell the Roman Empire of the West".

Dr. Pharr's "The Theodosian Code and Novels and the Sirmodian Constitutions" is the first volume of a collection.

Dr. Pharr, former head of Vanderbilt University's department of classics, retired from teaching in June, but is continuing work on the translation project. The next phase is the Digest and Code of Justinian.

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A NEW WOODEN NICKEL - The Merced Coin Club is issuing a wooden nickel bearing a picture of Yosemite Park scenery. Collectors wishing specimens may obtain them at 15¢ each from the club, P. O. Box 1132, Merced, Calif.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION will be at the Hotel Baker, Dallas, Texas, August 22-26. This is relatively close to the San Diego area, and it is hoped that a number of us will be able to attend. These national conventions are important events, deserving the attendance of all numismatists. The exhibits alone are worth going to see. We do not yet have complete details about the convention, but we will keep you posted as we learn them. Moreover A.N.A. members will find up to date information in the Numismatist.

We might add that if you are not a member of the A.N.A., we serious suggest you consider joining. There are many benefits, and the dues are low. The monthly magazine alone will give you full value for your dues.

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Well, we'll see you at the installation and dinner. We hope we have hash at the dinner, so we can chew it. And that the soup is tender.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 2 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A very good number of members and guests showed up at our first meeting of the year; especially junior members - and prospective junior members. A lot of credit and thanks go to our new secretary, who put in a lot of time and effort going over the entire lists of past and present membership names, contacting all that he could by phone or cards (very few were missed). His efforts were repaid by a good turn-out. Although the weather was very foggy, I'm sure very few were kept away by that.

If in the future any members have any ideas as to what to have for future programs, either in the numismatic or entertainment fields, please let me know by giving me a call on the phone : G-7-4832. Also any constructive criticism of any kind will be welcome. Thank you all again for the turn-out.

- Arthur J. (Frenchy) Vignoault,
President.

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THE SECRETARY SAYS -

Again may I say: YOUR 1953 DUES ARE DUE, and many thanks to the members that have paid their dues already.

At our last meeting we had 42 members and guests, which is a good turn-out. But I think that we could have more people coming to the meetings. A few of you know many of our former members and just a word from you would swing them back into the club.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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A LOCKOUT? - Well, we had our first meeting under the new administration - we mean of the S.D.N.S.; not the U.S.A. Paul Boltz ain't so sure he approves of it;

When he arrived at the hall, Frenchy Vigneault had accidentally locked the front door, shutting Paul out.

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A heck of a way to treat a treasurer. Sounds as if we were afraid to hear his financial report.

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Numismatic widows are common enough, but Jimmy Grouthamel was a numismatic widower. Gull came to the meeting alone, because Jimmy was busy moving his store.

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Maybe the rent came due.

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Doc Ray Wilson showed the pictures he took at the dinner - and very good they are too. If you want any, they can be obtained from the secretary at 15¢ each, their actual cost.

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Mary Bowler was annoyed because Doc took her picture with her mouth open. And we don't know of any way to close a mouth on a picture.

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Anyway, how could she or anyone else eat without opening a mouth?

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But Stan Chamberlain's picture was the most striking. In fact it looked as if he was going to start striking; he appeared to be sore about something, and just about to leap over the table.

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Paul Beltz had so much money spread out at the meeting that we thought he was opening a branch of his bank.

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Secretary Francis Jones has established a visitors' book, which we now ask our visitors to sign . Too bad he didn't fill it up with blank checks.

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The 1913 Liberty Head nickel which Mr. McDermott showed at our dinner was discussed at the meeting; Gene Johnston outlined the facts about this coin, to

which Louie Walrath added a few details.

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This led to discussion of that other rarity, the 1894-S dime. This coin exists in what is apparently proof condition, which no one can understand. But we have a theory. Paul Boltz must have got at it with his wire brush and sandpaper.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Paul Boltz: Small cents; pioneer gold

W. A. Ehlers, Jr.: Sets of Morgan and Peace dollars

Clive Foss: "The Original Britannia", an article describing the designing of the first Britannia reverses, and many British coins showing the development of the design

Francis Jones: Type set of dollars

Irving Knickerbocker: Proof sets; U.S. gold; commemorative half dollars

Atwood MacDonald: 1953 Canadian Queen Elizabeth II set, with an enlarged (12 times) photograph of the 50¢ obverse

Frenchy Vignault: Presidential medals

Doc Bruce Wallace: Cents; nickels; commemorative half dollars; an 1804 dollar (so he claimed)

Tom Ward: Types of Roman gold, 1st to 5th centuries

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Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Crouthamel were appointed as judges of the displays, and they found that of Clive Foss to be the best.

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A credit for a "first" goes to Atwood MacDonald; his were the first Queen Elizabeth II coins we have seen.

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Mr. Ehlers called our attention to an unusual feature of one of his dollars. It had a distinct spot of copper showing.

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The alleged 1804 dollar of Doc Wallace was a dollar which had been melted in a fire. Maybe it was an

1804 dollar; you can't prove it either way.

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But it ain't likely.

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Lew Panosh suggested the purchase of members' badges, each with the name of the wearer. These could be sold for about $1.00 each at a small profit to the club. This was only a preliminary suggestion, to be decided upon later.

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Such badges would make another item for Anna Panosh to add to her medal collection.

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THE KITCHEN POLICE - We are grateful to Mattie Knickerbocker, George Van Hogan, and Harry Bouchard for undertaking the task of cleaning up the wreckage after our lunch. Dishwashing never is a pleasant job, but these members cheerfully volunteered for it.

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Here's a suggestion to Harry Bouchard which might make dishwashing easier. He is, as you know, the inventor of those plastic covered coin containers. So if he would make some in a size large enough to hold plates, that would keep the plates clean.

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After saying that, we wonder if we should send him a bill for advertising his coin containers like that.

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Gail Walrath has volunteered to take care of the lunch at our next meeting, and Al Conyne and our new member, Mr. Ehlers, have offered to assist her. Our thanks to them all.

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Doc Bruce Wallace will conduct the numismatic program at our March 2 meeting; we don't know what the Doc has in mind, but we do know we can depend on him.

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The entertainment at our February meeting consisted of very beautiful Tournament of Roses motion pictures, shown by Joe Maestro who also had taken the pictures. This was through the courtesy of the Seven-Up Bottling

Co., with whom Atwood MacDonald made arrangements for the showing. We appreciate this courtesy by Mr. Maestro and his concern, as well as thanking Atwood for his part.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

EDDY, Albert C.	San Diego
EDDY, Mrs. Albert C.	" "
EDDY, Michael B.	" "
CLARK, Bruce A.	" "
YRIBARNE, John C.	Long Beach
CASE, Mrs. Thelma	Santa Monica
MARTIN, L. C.	San Diego

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Pretty fair list of new members for just one month, ain't it? Looks like we did a wholesale business.

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We especially did a wholesale business on the Eddy family; we scooped 'em all in at once.

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Charlie Louschner missed the last meeting because, we are sorry to say, he was in hospital again. He was in for almost three weeks but at this writing he is out once more - and we sure hope he stays out now.

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As Frenchy Vignault says in his "President's Message" we had a lot of old time members present last meeting night, thanks to Francis Jones. Among them were Ralph Benson and James Sims - both of whom renewed their memberships.

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Wayne Higbee also renewed his. Wayne had kind of gone out of our orbit since he left San Diego to become a big politician in Santa Monica.

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OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER was another of our successful and pleasant evenings. There were 57 present; 57 is that famous pickle number, but we hasten to assure you that there were no dill pickles among those present. Nothing sour about us.

Through some misunderstanding, at the outset there were no display tables prepared. And what is a coin session without displays? Anyway on the arrival of Doc Bruce Wallace this was promptly corrected; with his well-known energy Doc took matters in hand, and for the next few minutes he had the hotel manager and a swarm of employees hustling to arrange tables. A regular Simon Legree, Doc is. Or maybe he should be foreman on a Roman galley. Anyway he got that little detail fixed.

Lew Panosh was master of ceremonies, and did his usual good job. But we are afraid that Lew has an inferiority complex; he always hides his face on these occasions. This time he was disguised with a big nose, pop eyes, and a Rudy Gjurovich moustache. And if you don't know what a Rudy Gjurovich moustache is like, it is the over-size handle bar model.

Lew staged a numismatic quiz for the ladies. In these modern times when gals are supposed to be so bold and aggressive, it is nice to know that our S.D.N.S. gals are the old-fashioned, bashful kind. Both Thelma Case and Ruth Crouthamel actually had stage fright. That is, Ruth did until some coaxing from Gene Johnston aroused her to argue with [illegible]. And Gene was just trying to help her answer the questions, too!

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A number of nice prizes were given as door prizes, and on a raffle. The main prize was a radio which was won by Louis Walrath. At present we don't know if he still has it, or if Gail wanted it. If she did, we know what happened to it.

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That radio was donated by Harry Callaway of the Thearle Music Co; he has donated other radios for previous parties and we are very grateful for his generosity.

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All good numismatists should boycott Minnie MacDonald for misuse of coins. She wore two brooches; one of them was a Prince Edward Island cent with the field cut out leaving the two trees, the coin then being

gold plated. The other was a British crown inlaid with enamel, leaving the figures of St. George and the dragon in relief on a colored background.

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Clive Foss was appointed to collect the money for the dinner, with the result that he was about the busiest man there. We don't mean that any of us tried to dodge paying, though.

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We don't see how Doc Ray Wilson found time to eat, to examine the exhibits, or anything else. He had appointed himself official photographer for the event; so he spent all his time jumping around taking pictures with his new camera.

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The reason the Doc wasted a film on the Hermit of Skunk Hollow was to get a comic picture. With the busted jaw, the Hermit outs funny. That is, even funnier than usual.

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As for not having time to see the exhibits, Francis Jones makes that complaint about his new job as secretary. He was busy all evening collecting dues.

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Lew Panosh gave the talk of the evening, his subject being "Primitive and Unusual Money". His display of this type of material is described elsewhere. He explained the use of such primitive exchange media as cowries, metal bars, rings, and so on. He told of Siamese silver "blister" money, which was used for just two purposes; to buy a wife, or to divorce one. The Siamese bridegroom paid this money for his bride; if he divorced her, he had to pay her more of it. In other words, no matter what one did about a wife, it cost money. Sounds kind of like an old American custom - although we doubt if modern divorcees would care much for Siamese money. We also doubt if Hizzoner Judge Brimelow ever granted a divorce with Siamese alimony.

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Lew showed a donation from B. A. Seaby, Ltd., London;

it consisted of a bound volume of Seaby's Coin and Medal Bulletin for one year, and that firm donated it for our club library. We appreciate this very much.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR INSTALLATION AND DINNER:

Paul Boltz: A Bechtler 1842 gold dollar; North Carolina 1849 wide wreath dollar; other pioneer gold

Eugene Cooper: "The Alpha and Omega of Numismatics", i.e., ancient Greek coins and modern medals

Eula Crouthamel: Large currency

Jim Crouthamel: U.S. type set; Confederate half dollar restrike

Clive Foss: Examples of Roman denominations of all Imperial periods

Francis Jones: Type set of dollars

Irving Knickerbocker: Proof sets 1858-1915; U.S. gold including commemorative; British gold; Chinese odd-shaped coins

Ernest Lang: Zapata revolutionary coins of Oaxaca, Mexico; proclamation pieces of various South American nations

Charlie Leuschner: Half cents; large cents; Colonial coins

J. V. McDermott: 1913 Liberty Head nickel

Atwood MacDonald: Coins of the Denver Mint

Lew Panosh: Primitive and unusual money

Frenchy Vigneault: "Pieces of Eight"; Chinese silver, including trade dollars; an Indo-Chinese sapeque

Doc Bruce Wallace: Crowns; large cents; standing Liberty quarters

Louie Walrath: 23 gold pieces; proof 37 pieces in both metals

Tom Ward: Roman commemorative sestertii (large bronzes

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J. V. McDermott, John Yribarne, and Karl Brainard were appointed to judge the exhibits, and made the awards as follows: 1st, Eula Crouthamel; 2nd, Lew

Panosh; 3rd, Louie Walrath; 4th, Tom Ward; special, Irving Knickerbocker. The ribbons subsequently were presented at our February meeting, after the printer had time to print the winners' names on them.

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The above descriptions of exhibits hardly does justice to them; these few words do not at all adequately describe the many nice coins and medals shown. It is impossible to give full details, but we might add a few remarks.

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The 1913 Liberty Head nickel shown by Mr. McDermott is one of the six known genuine ones. Many of us had never seen one until this exhibit. We understand that Mr. McDermott refused $5500 for this piece only a short time ago.

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Paul Boltz tried a kind of flim-flam with his exhibit. He showed his North Carolina gold pieces on top of other coins in a small chest, thus trying to give us the impression that the whole chest was full of those coins.

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The idea of the display of Eugene Cooper was to show the development of die work from ancient to modern times.

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The display of Clive Foss showed the development of Roman coins, the changes in sizes and styles of the different denominations during several centuries, the appearance of new denominations and the disappearance of old ones, etc. He illustrated each group of coins with a map showing the extent of the Roman Empire at that period.

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One thing was missing from Francis Jones' display of dollars. At least one of 'em should have been labelled indicating the dollar which will buy a dollar's worth of merchandise today. But maybe none of them will.

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Irving Knickerbocker's proof sets were unusual, in

that they were complete to 1915. Such a group is seldom seen.

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The Zapata coins of Ernest Long were remarkable in the number shown. A few pieces appear from time to time, but not as many as Ernest showed. His South American proclamation pieces were of dollar size, and included many artistic and historically interesting pieces.

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Atwood MacDonald's display of Denver mint coins was the one which took first prize at San Bernardino. It included all coins of that mint, mounted in glass covered frames, and embellished with mint photographs.

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The sapeque of Frenchy Vigneault was a small Indo-Chinese coin used locally in a very small area in that country.

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The primitive and unusual money of Lew Panosh consisted of such items as Siamese "bullets" in silver and gold; cowries; odd shaped Chinese coins; tin "hats" money of Malaya; "shoe" money; and various other oddities.

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Louie Walrath must be superstitious regarding the number three; his exhibit was all threes. Three cent and three dollar pieces. Moreover he won prize No. 3.

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Incidentally Louie's sets were complete; he has a custom of exhibiting complete sets only.

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Doc Wallace said that none of his Standing Liberty quarters were bought; he got them all out of circulation or by trading.

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The large Roman bronzes shown by Tom Ward all had some commemorative feature and "picture" reverses. That is, they showed Emperors addressing troops, making donations to citizens, appointing kings; temples, arches, and other works of the Emperors; and so on.

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Doc Ray Wilson did the actual installation; that is, he instructed the new officers. The doc reduced the ceremony to a single formula. He practically told 'em: "You know your job; go ahead and do it".

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And we are sure they will.

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It seemed to be raining Booker T. Washington half dollars on installation night. A lot of them were among the material donated for prizes, and Low Pomosh gave one to each lady on his quiz program.

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Booker T. must be popular in San Diego.

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We had some more things to tell you, but we have been so gabby that we find ourself running out of space. Maybe they ain't so important but what they can wait until next month.

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If anything we print is important anyway.

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Also, you are going to have to wait until next month for the mint report, because it ain't come until too late. We just got it; and we'll be a pop-eyed Nanny goat if we're going to rewrite this thing to get it in.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 6 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif. Louis Walrath will speak on the Indian nickel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are heading toward our third meeting of the year.

With the help of all the members we have had two very successful meetings, with good displays, and lots of them. I appreciate the fine cooperation that all of the members have shown, and I see that if our secretary keeps taking in new members at the rate he has in the past two months, we will have to look around and find a new and larger place to meet.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again April 6.

- Arthur J. (Frenchy) Vigneault, president.

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THE SECRETARY SAYS -

We had 58 persons in attendance at our last meeting due in a large part to Dr. Wallace and his program of hobbies other than coins. Let's keep coming out to the meetings each month.

May I remind the members that plan to change their addresses to let me know promptly so that I can correctly address your Bulletins to you. Each time the Post Office returns one of the Bulletins it costs two cents.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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Our last meeting being "other hobbies" night, a great variety of things showed up. They are listed elsewhere. Our speaker of the evening was Miss Maxine Scott, a gem expert; a graduate of the Gemological Institute of America, and a Fellow of the Gemological Association of Great Britain.

Miss Scott gave a very fine talk on gems, describing

their occurrences, indentification, working, etc., and giving a number of facts we did not know. Moreover she dispelled a number of illusions and misconceptions regarding gems. She displayed numerous specimens, including some remarkable carved pieces, and many species found in San Diego County. We were very fortunate in having Miss Scott at the meeting, and thank her for coming. We hope to hear her again some time.

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DISPLAYS AT THE MEETING, in addition to the material shown by Miss Scott:

James Anderson: Old minstrel show items, circa 1900, consisting of posters, tickets, programs, and other such documents; old newspapers

Paul Boltz: U.S. commemorative postage stamps, each one being explained

Mrs. Mary Bowler: Large display of first day covers and other covers of special interest, all with appropriate cachets

C. F. Bunell: Wooden puzzles, some very complex

Mrs. William Bennarth: Scrap books with old newspaper and magazine clippings

[illegible] Johnston: Cigarette pictures, both cardboard and silk, some being the first issued

Mrs. L. M. Jones: Miniature jugs and vases

Ernest Ling: Large and beautiful specimens of mineral crystals

Charlie Leuschner: Stamps of the U.S. and possessions

Lew Parnish: Ribbons of numismatic conventions

Frenchy Vieneault: Indian pottery; various nature specimens as a large fossil oyster, animal skulls, quills, etc.

Doc Bruce Wallace: Cut quartz models of the most famous diamonds; mineral specimens and gem stones; daggers; old spectacles, some over 200 years old

Louie Walrath: Match and medicine revenue stamps

Tom Ward: Stamps of the Indian Native States

Doc Ray Wilson: His camera set-up for preparing

slides of coins

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Stamps seem to be second to coins in popularity among us, as of 15 exhibits, five contained stamps.

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The match and medicine stamps shown by Louie Walrath were unusual. Besides being scarce, they are hard to get in good condition as they had rough use when current, and many of them were placed on packages in spots where they would automatically be torn when the packages were opened. Louie had the most extensive collection we ever saw.

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One of Jim Anderson's old newspapers had the announcement of the opening of Loma Portal for building lots. There was a picture - with not a house in sight. Hardly like today.

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Another newspaper boasted about the building development of San Diego; it said that the building permits in one month amounted to over $4,000.

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Which would just about build a garage today.

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We used to collect cigarette pictures as a kid, but Gene Johnston had some that go way beyond that. One series was of actresses whose names now are only dim and legendary. One showed Maria Dressler as a young girl.

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Mrs. Leah Jones wasn't at the meeting, so her collection of jugs and vases were shown by her son Francis. These specimens were from various states and nations.

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You could tell that Francis had handled the jugs; they all were empty.

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Doc Bruce Wallace sure had a lot of hobbies on exhibit - and they didn't all he has, either; he didn't show his tropical fish nor his orchids. Doc says that if he takes on one more item to collect, Elise is

likely to throw both him and his collections out of the house.

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By the fact that Doc Wallace had spectacles 200 years old, it would seem that spectacles don't sell very fast in Doc's office.

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Ernest Lang disagreed with our statement that it was better to buy medals than to go to war for them; he showed eight of 'em, that he got in only five years of service.

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That works out at about one and three fifths medals per year. We still think it ain't worth it.

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Helen Dixon also brought some of her hobby material. Her hobby is fancy knitting, and she was wearing some of it. We claim that she should have sat on a table among the other exhibits.

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Louie Walrath pointed out some 12¢ match tax stamps, and remarked how high a tax that was on a box of matches. That's nothing Louie; we will get to that again, the way we are going.

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AUTOMOTIVE SECTION - Do you suppose that by this time Irving Knickerbocker knows what all the push buttons on the dash of his latest Cadillac are for?

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Maybe he's afraid to push some of 'em. It would be very awkward if, while cruising at 60 miles an hour, he pushed what he thought was the cigar lighter, and it turned out to be the one that jacks up the car to change a tire.

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THE CROUTHAMEL FLYING ROLLER SKATE - Speaking of cruising at 60 miles an hour, that is going to seem like just dawdling along to Jim Crouthamel. He bought an English MG roadster that, we understand, doesn't get out of low gear until it goes faster than that.

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So if you see what seems to be a flying saucer scooting around near San Diego, that's only Jim.

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At first we wondered if Jim had used Eula's paper money to buy that car. But if he did, he must have concealed it very well, as Eula still had enough left to win first prize at our installation.

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Evidently Louie Walrath thought that Frenchy Vigneault was too quiet a president; anyway Louie donated a gavel to Frenchy so now he can be noisier.

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Doc Wallace suggested that some small award be given to exhibitors at each meeting, his idea being that ribbons might be suitable. Discussion showed that some members were in favor of reserving ribbons for special events. The idea was referred to the board of governors.

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Irving Knickerbocker returned from Los Angeles without his overcoat. He claims he forgot it. However we think that the real reason is he bought so many coins there, that he had to leave the coat in a Los Angeles pawnshop.

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At least, he came back with his shirt.

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ROUGHING IT - In returning from the Imperial Valley, the Penoshes got snowed in. Snow kept gathering on Lew's windshield until he gave up, and stayed over night at Boulder Oaks. He says so did everyone else; people were sleeping on floors or anywhere else they could get in shelter.

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This ought to teach Lew and Anna to stay in San Diego in the winter.

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Doc Wallace reported on the suggestion for displaying coins at the San Diego County Fair, and said he hoped for cases in the Mineral and Gem building, the best location. More later.

COINAGE DURING NOVEMBER, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	908,751.50		211,000.00
Quarters	375.75		1,107,000.00
Dimes	1,174,150.30	540,000.00	618,000.00
Nickels	250,275.00	126,400.00	
Cents	364,315.00	126,000.00	1,041,000.00
Cumulative, January to November, 1952 (pieces):			
Half dollars	24,503,450	5,596,000	24,586,800
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	31,908,939	11,[illegible]67,800	42,952,000
Dimes	89,207,458	42,049,500	108,398,312
Nickels	56,125,280	22,216,500	38,522,300
Cents	117,742,380	90,080,004	496,565,000

COINAGE DURING DECEMBER, 1952:

Half dollars	787,307.50		499,400.00
Commemorative half dollars		1,001.50	1,001.50
Quarters	1,737,153.75	[illegible],000.00	1,710,800.00
Dimes	991,461.00	[illegible],000.00	1,468,000.00
Nickels	397,230.00	35,400.00	
Cents	281,146.00	1[illegible],800.00	1,027,600.00
Cumulative, January to December, 1952 (pieces):			
Half dollars	25,958,065	5,[illegible]6,000	25,445,600
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	8,006	8,006
Quarters	38,[illegible]	13,737,800	49,795,200
Dimes	99,122,573	44,419,500	193,078,312
Nickels	64,069,180	22,984,500	38,522,300
Cents	145,[illegible],980	111,300,004	599,3[illegible]5,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The Philadelphia mint also struck in -

November: For Honduras, 2,500,000 silver 20-centavos

December: For Ethiopia, 1,299,000 bronze 25-cents

For Cuba, 2,160,000 brass 1-centavo

For Salvador: 2,000,000 brass 5-centavos and 336,000 brass 10-centavos

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION to be held at the Hotel Tioga, Merced, Calif., April 10-12. Here are a few more details.

The convention will open in the morning of Friday, April 10, instead of Friday evening as in the past; this will give us practically an extra day of convention. It is planned to close the convention at noon Sunday, April 12; this will not really lose us any time, as past experience has shown that so many have to pack up by noon Sunday that the convention really ends then.

Displays are wanted, so show something if you possibly can. Exhibits are important, and contribute a lot to conventions. Ribbons will be awarded for the best showings in various classes. Displays are in charge of F. J. Avilez, 920 West 17th St., Merced, to whom application for space should be made.

A few additional remarks:

REGISTRATION FEE, $6.00, including banquet and luncheon

BOURSE CHARGE is $10.00 for use of two cases; for three cases, $15.00

HOTEL RATES: Single, $3.50 up; double, $4.50 up; twin, $7.00

TRIP TO MOUNT OLIVER [illegible] FALLS, April 10 (afternoon)

NUMISMATIC FORUM in charge of Dr. William Fountain April 10 (evening)

LADIES' PARTY April 10, following the forum

BANQUET, April 11, Dr. Glenn Curtis master of ceremonies

LUNCHEON, April 12, Ralph Mitchell master of ceremonies

AUCTION: April 11 (afternoon) and April 12 (morning), in charge of Earl Parker

BUSINESS MEETING, April 11 (morning), with election of officers for 1953-4

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THE GOLD PROSPECTOR - Lew Panosh won a $2.50 gold piece at the meeting of the Orange County Coin Club. As that was one that was donated by Gene Johnston, Gene might as well have given it to Lew in the first

place.

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And as if that wasn't enough, Lee then won another $2.50 piece at the Los Angeles dinner.

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So now he's got a start on a collection of $2.50 gold.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the following programs:

April 17 at the home of H. C. Johns, 4053 Budlong Ave., Los Angeles. Mr. Johns will speak on Decimus Brutus.

May 15 at the home of Capt. H. V. Jamgochian, 1340 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale. The captain will speak on his experiences in Morocco, including visits to the ancient ruins. This talk was scheduled for January, but unfortunately Capt. Jamgochian's mother was taken suddenly ill at that time.

At the February meeting Tom Ward spoke on the Roman Emperor Julian and exhibited coins of Julian and his contemporaries. Earl Stanton and H. C. Johns also showed coins of the period.

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THE ROMAN REPUBLICAN COINAGE. While we are trying from advertising in this Bulletin, we feel that we should call the attention of everyone interested in the coins of the Roman Republic to the book of that name, just published by Spink and Son, Ltd., London, England. We have received our copy, and find it to be an excellent work. It was compiled from the notes of the late Rev. Edward A. Sydenham, an outstanding student in this field; revised by G. C. Haines; and edited by L. Forrer and C. T. Hersh. The volume is very timely, the other authoritative books by Babelon and Grueber now being so old, and seldom obtainable.

The book is chiefly a catalog of Republican coins, well described and arranged. In addition it contains much supplementary information about the coins, coiners, mints, etc., including some details new to this writer. Thirty plates are included. The arrangement and indexing are such that the book can easily

be used by those having no specialized knowledge of this series. Cross references to Batelon and Gruber are provided.
The price is $10.00, plus $1.00 postage.

- T. W. W.

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Frenchy Vigneault went to George VanHogan's office to arrange for installing a new door. George tried to sell Frenchy a 2¢ piece, which led to so much debate that we guess the door is leaning against the wall yet.

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Anyway, Frenchy claims that the coin looked as if George had boiled it in lye, or soaked it in acid. Maybe when George reads this, he'll say that's what ought to be done to Frenchy.

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HIGHER EDUCATION IN EL CAJON - Helen Stevens now is using coins for teaching purposes; she bought some Roman and Carthaginian pieces to be used that way.

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But she is having some difficulty in using them, as she has to overcome some false impressions. For instance, some refuse to believe the coins genuine, others think the coins worth a fortune, others doubt the identifications, etc. And when Helen tells them the truth, they don't want to believe her.

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We see by the paper that the Flying Finn got pinched. But before you go wasting any sympathy on Roy Hill, let us explain that he wasn't the guy; it was a feller named Finn who got arrested for illegal flying of an airplane.

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South Korea has replaced its former monetary unit, the won, with a new one, the hwan. Holders of the old money were required to exchange it for the new kind at the rate of 100 won to one hwan. This change was made very abruptly, and resulted in a money panic which temporarily stopped all business. Food and merchandise went into hiding; the government institu-

ted widely spread police raids to free food supplies, but with only partial success.

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We wonder how this will affect the value of Lt. Luttner's hoard of Korean bonds.

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MORE FUNNY MONEY - There now is a new item for Lew Ponosh and Ralph Mitchell to add to their unusual money collections; corn cobs. In Holdredge, Nebraska for one day a corn cob was worth 5¢ in trade at any store in town. But not for more than 10% of the price of anything. Even the County offices honored corn cobs to that extent, and admission to a dance cost 20 cobs. All of this was during a corn festival put on by the local Chamber of Commerce.

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With the removal of price controls, we read that one of the difficulties with enforcement was the proper condition classification of meat; what was "best" grade, what "second", etc. If the government had let a few butchers make the classifications, they would have been still more mixed up.

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Probably a cow that had not yet been driven to market would be considered uncirculated.

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Or a classification of VF might mean "very fat".

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A NOTE TO BOTH OF OUR READERS - The Hermit of Skunk Hollow has been invited to speak at the C.S.M.A. convention forum. We tell you this so you can be sure to miss that part of the program.

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Or if you do want to listen to him, be sure to bring the eggs.

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Advertisements for the motion picture "Cleopatra" say "EMPERORS FOUGHT FOR HER!"
What Emperors?

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The only Emperor involved in the history of Cleopatra

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was Octavianus, and he fought against her; not for her.

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And anyway he wasn't Emperor until after Cleopatra was dead.

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At last we got out the membership list, and we believe Secretary Jones plans to mail it as an enclosure with this Bulletin.
Here's an address to be corrected: Clive Foss has just moved to 4249 - 4th St., La Jolla.
If there is any error in your name or address, please notify the secretary so we can get it corrected next time.

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Again referring to those Boltz proofs that are turning purple, maybe the coins are blushing because they are ashamed of themselves.

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Or maybe Paul's treatment of them gave them apoplexy.

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So long; we'll be seeing you in person. That is, of course, if we can find an unlocked box car in a freight train going there.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 4 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Speaker: Sam Kabealo

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - As we have said before, it is not necessary to say that a C.S.N.A. convention is good; they all are. And the one just held at Merced certainly was no exception to this rule; it was fine. The remark was made by more than one person to the effect that each convention seems to surpass the previous ones in some respect, and this is true. It reflects a very healthy condition in the organization when constant improvements are made. It shows we learn.

There were fine exhibits - described elsewhere - and many dealers had tables displaying nice specimens for sale. For display purposes the Hotel Tioga gave its entire lobby, which provided ample space, and which made the displays easily accessible to the public, they being just inside of the hotel's main entrance. In fact, the hotel was very cooperative in every way, and when we paid our hotel bill, we found it much lower than the rates we had been accustomed to paying at conventions.

The police protection was excellent, and was provided by the city. Several policemen were assigned to this duty, and even the Chief of Police was there part of the time.

Besides congratulating the C.S.N.A. on another good session, we wish to congratulate the Merced Coin Club and its members - George Coolures, Dr. William Fountain, Frank Avilez, and all the others who worked so hard to put it over.

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The convention registrations were 133, and of course this does not include the large number of local casual visitors.

CONVENTION EXHIBITS:

COLE, Clifton C.: U.S. type set, with each coin well written up (AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

CAREY, Michael P.: Medium bronzes of early Roman Emperors with outlines of their careers (AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

WARD, Thomas W.: Historical coins of the Roman Empire, with explanations of the events they commemorate (AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

WERLING, Erich: Coins of the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), i.e., of Gustavus Adolphus, Christina, and other rulers involved; siege pieces and necessity money due to the war (AWARD FOR POST-MEDIEVAL COINS)

ELLSWORTH, Burt: Crowns and multiple crowns; siege pieces and other necessity money (AWARD FOR DISPLAY OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES)

GRANT, J. S.: Hawaiian coins, many unusual Hawaiian patterns; Canadian dollars, including many minor varieties; Canadian set of Queen Elizabeth II (AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED SERIES)

FOUNTAIN, Dr. William E.: Medical medals; coins showing physicians and surgeons; touch pieces with article dated 1679 describing their use; Eisenhower inauguration medals in silver and bronze (AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED SERIES)

COOK, Harry L.: Gold, silver, and copper coins with crude gold as mined and other mineral specimens illustrating the ores of coin metals (SPECIAL AWARD)

WAIRATH, Louis: 1804 dollar; several complete proof sets including 2¢, and both 3¢ pieces; shield and Liberty nickels; complete 1892 set; $3 gold; trade dollars; all "S", "CC", and "O" dollars (SPECIAL AWARD)

AVILEZ, Frank: German notgeld (local paper money)

BLOOM, Clifford H. European gold 1550-1796

BOMERS, Dr. Nathan A.: A coin case designed to carry coins safely while travelling

CRAIG, Alan D.: Korean coins illustrating his article now running serially in the "Coincoin News"; Chinese odd shaped coins

CRITES, Al: Chinese, Korean, and Tibetan coins; Japanese and other Oriental carvings

FRASER, Vreeland H.: Proof dimes 1858-1915; proof sets; proof 2¢ and both 3¢ pieces; trade dollars; nickels; commemorative gold; $2.50 and $5.00 Indian gold complete

GJUROVICH, Rudy: Continental and fractional currency; large paper money

HILL, Roy: Greek silver and bronze; U.S., Confederate, and foreign paper money

OHLS, John E.: Vatican City sets

OSTROM, Everett: Swedish plate money and tokens

PANOSH, Mrs. Anna M.: War medals including a Congressional Medal of Honor; foreign orders and decorations

PANOSH, Leonel C.: Coins of the Grand Masters of Knights Hospitaller, St. John of Jerusalem (Rhodes and Malta), with colored coats-of-arms of each master

REDMOND, Daniel J.: Flying Eagle cents including 1856; cupro-nickel cents; nickels; presidential medals

SCHAFFER, Fred: Greek coins; Roman Republican coins including aes grave (early cast coins); Roman Imperial coins, mostly sestertii (large bronzes); commemorative half dollars; early dollars; Colonial cents

STRAUCH, Milton C.: Crowns, 17th to 20th Centuries; foreign gold, with maps showing locations of issuing countries

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As usual, we lack the space to do justice to the displays; much fine material was shown in addition to that listed above. We have been able to mention only what seemed to us to be the most outstanding.

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The men undertaking the difficult job of judging the exhibits were Dr. Nathan Bowers, Everett Ostrom, and Ralph Mitchell.

Among other ways in which the City of Merced welcomed us, they placed two large "WELCOME" signs across the two main street intersections. It wasn't the city's fault that the wind blew one of 'em into a tangle the second day.

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Nor do we blame the city for using the word "coin" instead of "numismatic". Otherwise, aside from the spelling difficulty, they would have needed larger signs.

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When the City Manager officially welcomed us, he said he had practiced pronouncing "numismatic" all day, and won a bet with his wife, who had claimed that he couldn't say it when he had to.

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The next convention will be at the Hotel Mayfair, 7th and Witmer Sts., Los Angeles. Dates later.

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Both San Francisco and Oakland asked for the following convention, and this will be decided by the board of directors. In order to satisfy both parties, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow suggested that it be held on the bridge connecting the two cities; but this suggestion was coldly received.

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Nor did Roy Hill help by pointing out that there always are coin collectors on that bridge; they collect coins from you before they let you go over it.

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The numismatic forum conducted by Dr. Fountain had the following speakers:

Everett Ostrom on "Swedish Plate Money". He gave a comprehensive outline of the history of this extraordinary coinage, the reason for it, the course of its use, its effect on Swedish economy, chronology, etc.

Tom Ward on "Roman Coins and History". He told how remarkably the Roman coinage paralleled the history of Rome, and how it illustrated important historical events.

Abe Kosoff on "United States Coin patterns". He showed a number of fine specimens, and explained their origin and the historical and numismatic significance of some pieces.

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The first and last speakers were very good.

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The S.D.N.S. attendance was not as heavy as usual; it consisted of Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker, Louie and Gail Walrath, Low and Anna Panosh, Mrs. Dillon, Gene Johnston, Karl Brainard, and Tom Ward. And our members from other areas were Roy Hill, Abe Kosoff, Earl Parker, Ralph Mitchell, Harry Davidson, Ed Fogler, Dr. William Fountain, Kenneth Lee, and John Yribarne.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1953-4:

PRESIDENT: Dr. Nathan A. Bowers, Atherton
VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. C. Glen Curtis, Brea
SECRETARY-TREASURER: Robert G. McArthur, Oakland
LIBRARIAN-CURATOR: Stewart J. Bingham, Claremont
DIRECTORS: Leonel C. Panosh, San Diego
Major Charles V. Keppen, San Jose
Ralph A. Mitchell, Palo Alto
Herbert M. Bergen, Fullerton
Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario

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With all those doctors for officers, you would think we were a medical association.

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However, Doc Bowers ain't that kind of doctor; he's an engineering doctor. We ain't quite sure what an engineering doctor does, unless he doctors sick engines.

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Some doubt was expressed about the election of Bob McArthur, as when he balanced his books after the San Bernardino convention, he was off 30¢. However it was decided to give him another year to see if he could find it.

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To be serious though, he really did a fine job last

year - as in fact all the officers did. And we are confident that we will have another good year under the management of the new ones, all of whom have been very active in the organization, and have amply demonstrated their abilities.

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And speaking of abilities, the C.S.N.A. is nominating Lew Panosh for 1st Vice President of the American Numismatic Association. Remember that, when you get your blank ballots.

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The auction was good, and many of us obtained wanted coins. Others bought specimens from the dealers; Gene Johnston said it was lucky for him that he had his return train ticket, or after buying so many coins, he would have had to walk home.

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SNUBBED AGAIN, B'GOSH! - Ten miles north of Bakersfield on the way to the convention, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow's car was overhauled by Knickerbocker Cadillac No. 3. The Hermit honked his horn, yelled, and waved; but Irving and Mattie sailed right past him, looking straight ahead with their noses in the air.

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We didn't used to think the Knickerbockers were so snooty. But they may have some reason. If they recognized the Hermit in public, it might damage their social standing.

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At least the Vreeland Frasers ain't so snobbish. On the return trip they also passed the Hermit, and Vreeland waved so frantically that we thought he would dislocate his shoulder.

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THE CHECK FUMBLER - Lew Panosh had four guests for lunch. When he was through eating, he was called away to speak on the radio, thus avoiding payment. This is a new one; the usual thing in such cases is to arrange to have yourself called to the telephone.

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One of the convention entertainment features was a trip to the ruins of the Mt. Ophir mint. That confirmed pack rat, Roy Hill, carried away enough rock fragments as souvenirs to build a mint of his own.

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Speaking of rats, here's some secret correspondence which took place when Lew Panosh wanted a picture of Ed Fogler for his biography in the "Calcoin News":

Dear Ed:

If you don't send me your picture, YOU ARE A RAT!

- Lew Panosh.

Dear Exterminator Lew:

Herewith is a picture of Ed, the rat.

- Ed Fogler.

and with the letter, Ed enclosed a large photograph of a rat which he had cut from a rat exterminator's sign.

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We hate to say it, but we never before thought that Mrs. Dillon would try to swipe an automobile. But at Mt. Ophir she got into the Mooneyham car and prepared to start it, under the impression that it was hers.

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Just a slight touch of kleptomania, no doubt.

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Major Charlie Kappen was at the convention, now being back from Formosa, Korea, Japan, and other points west. We were extremely glad to see Charlie, not only because we always like to see him anyway, but because his presence showed how much he has recovered. While he is still in hospital, he expects to be able to leave in a few weeks.

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Never let it be said that the C.S.N.A. ain't willing to help the course of young love. An Air Force soldier and his bride needed a large room for their wedding, so we gave up the room assigned for our auction, and crowded into a smaller one.

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ANOTHER NUMISMATIC WIDOW - Earl parker arrived a day earlier than his missus - and then he failed to meet her at the station. This was done for him by that gallant Don Juan, Erich Werling. Whether Earl and Erich are still on speaking terms, we don't know.

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THE BANQUET was held in the hotel's "Ko-Ko Room". Being as it was an assemblage of coin collectors, perhaps it should have been spelled "Coo-Coo Room".

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The feud between Ralph Mitchell and Doc Curtis raged as usual at both the banquet and the luncheon, culminating in Ralph's formally presenting the Doc with an empty corn can, because his speech was so corny.

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Another luncheon highlight was the presentation of a medal to Lew Panosh by Ralph Mitchell. We're too bashful to describe it; ask Lew to show it to you.

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That is, if Anna Panosh ain't already grabbed it for her medal collection.

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The guessing contest for the amount of money in a jar was won by Col. Charles Steele. The jar contained $9.18, and the colonel guessed $9.36.

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Evidently Earl Parker didn't do so well at the poker games. He ran out of shirts.

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But that wasn't as bad as Karl Brainard did. In passing between two exhibit tables, he caught his pants on a loose corner, and tore out most of the seat.

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However that may be, Karl is a brave man. He accepted a ride to Los Angeles with the Hermit of Skunk Hollow.

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All this stuff ain't a complete convention report - nor is it an official one. You'll get that kind later in the "Calcoin News".

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And now to get back to the S.D.N.S. This month president Frenchy Vigneault ain't got nothing to say formally, but he wants to call your attention to two points. First, if you have any duplicates you want to dispose of, bring them to the meetings and they will be auctioned off for you, the club deducting a small commission. Second, Frenchy wants to conduct a separate auction just for the juniors. For this he would like to have coins or other numismatic material donated, so they can be sold to the boys at the low prices they can afford to pay. Frenchy started this at the last meeting with donations from Louie Walrath and others - so let's help the kids.

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THE SECRETARY SAYS -

We have 83 active paid-up members in our society. Let's all try to reach our goal of 100 members this year.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Jim Crouthamel: 1883 nickel and 1898-S dollar; novelty brooches made from nickels and dollars

Clive Foss: Coins and biography of William the Conqueror

Gene Johnston: Foreign gold, including a Peruvian 100-sol piece and a £5 of Queen Victoria's 50th year, 1887; Mexican 1872 20-peso piece; Mexican type set

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. type set including many rarities as 1796 half dollar and 1795 dollar, all framed in plastic

Frenchy Vigneault: Commemorative half dollars

Doc Bruce Wallace: Crowns

Louie Walrath: Many nickels to illustrate his talk

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Louie Walrath was our speaker at the meeting, his subject being nickels. He displayed nickels complete, with the exception of the 1913 Liberty, described the types, and gave statistics. Louie pointed out some

price discrepencies, some pieces which are scarcer bringing lower prices than some more plentiful. It was a good talk, he being very familiar with these coins and their history.

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The program of our May meeting is in charge of Gene Johnston, and he has asked Sam Kabealo to speak. We don't yet know Sam's subject, but whatever it is, we know it will be interesting.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

GERSCHOFFER, Garren	609 Laguna Ave., El Cajon
HARLAN, Raymond S.	1617 Missouri Ave., San Diego 9
WORTHINGTON, George Earl	1043 University Ave., San Diego
WESTLAND, J. L.	2927 - 4th Ave., San Diego
COOPER, William E.	4444 Arista Drive, San Diego 3

In addition to these new members, we are glad to welcome some old ones back again:

BERGHLI, Olav A.	3044 Fir St., San Diego 3
HEFNER, Mrs. J. R.	5065 College Ave., San Diego
KABEALO, Sam J.	2216 East Colorado St., Pasadena
MILOW, Edgar F.	4415 Monroe Ave., San Diego 15
GREENE, Charles L.	7321 Purdue, La Mesa

The first two are very senior members, Olav Berghli's society number being 8, and Mrs. Hefner's 17.

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When Paul Boltz came to the meeting, he carried a blanket with a lot of electric wires trailing from it. It turned out that the blanket was to display coins on, and the wires for a lamp to illuminate them; but at first we thought he was bringing an electric blanket to stay all night.

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Frenchy Vigneault finds Louie Walrath's gavel very

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the following programs:
May 15: "Moroccan Experiences" by Capt. N. V. Jangochian at his home, 1340 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale
June 26: "Foreign Orders and Decorations" by William D. Koonce at his home, 4269 Fair Ave., North Hollywood.
July 17: "Prehistoric Indian Mounds" by Dr. Charles Harbeck at his home, 5401 - 8th Ave., Los Angeles
At the March meeting the coin collection of the late Harry Steele was exhibited by Mrs. Steele. This collection consists chiefly of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine coins, with some modern pieces selected for their attractiveness and/or historical interest. The display as a whole was beautiful, the condition of the coins being exceptionally fine. The large Roman bronzes, for instance, were on wide flans (excepting for some outstanding rarities), a difficult condition to find.

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Here we go running out of space again, with more dope to give you. Well, you'll get it next month. And if you get this late, don't blame us; blame the convention. We didn't come directly home, so got a late start on this thing.

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Maybe you wish we were still later. About a hundred years later.

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NEXT MEETING: Anniversary dinner, June 1 at Y.M.C.A., 8th and C Sts., San Diego, Calif.

OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER - This is our annual celebration of the founding of the San Diego Numismatic Society, and will be held on June 1 at the Y.M.C.A., 8th and C Sts., San Diego. A caterer will handle the dinner, and the cost will be approximately $1.65 per person. One of the features will be a display of coins, medals, etc., so you are asked to bring material for exhibition. Award ribbons will be granted to the best displays.

The dinner is scheduled to start at 7:00 P.M.; the hall will be open for the placing of displays at 6:30 P.M., or earlier. We would like to have all displays placed before dinner.

Door prizes will be given, and entertainment arrangements are being made by Doc Bruce Wallace. Mattie Knickerbocker will arrange the favors; Jim Anderson will supply the flowers; Jim Crouthamel offered to furnish the cigarettes; and George Van Hogan will be in charge of the displays.

As is usual for dinners, it is necessary for us to know the number planning to attend; so please let Secretary Francis Jones or Doc Bruce Wallace know if you will come, and how many will be in your party. So come and bring your friends on June 1 - and remember, it will be at the Y.M.C.A., 8th and C Sts., instead of at our usual hall.

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THE SECRETARY SAYS -

I am proud of the San Diego Numismatic Society. On a very hot night we had a total of 61 persons at our meeting. Many thanks for supporting your club. We now have a total of 85 members in the Society. Can we make it 100 this year? Let's try.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

THE "PRESIDENT EMERITUS" SPEAKS

By Doc Bruce Wallace

- what does a coin do when set in the center of a room full of people? It looks 'round.
- what kind of fruit did Noah take in the Ark? preserved pears.
- the red, white, and blue will never fade if we act white, overcome the blues, and give the reds nothing to harp on.
- a lot of elocutionists can tell us how to talk, but what we want to know is: when.
- our good advice for the month: the best way to keep from getting stiff in the joints is to stay out of them.

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Sam Kabealo spoke at our last meeting, his subject being large cents, and he gave a very fine talk, too. He brought 382 specimens to illustrate his speech. Sam spoke of the various writers on this series, particularly their dealing with the many die varieties. He discussed Sheldon's estimates of the rarities of various types, some of them being so rare that only two or three are known to exist. In these cases the average collector practically has to disregard them, the chances of obtaining one being so remote. Many of the rarest specimens are "frozen" in the museum of the American Numismatic Society.

Sam said that he once had, prior to 1927, a collection of 550 die varieties, but had disposed of it. He mentioned other large west coast collections such as those of Christian Petersen, Charles Ruby, Etc.

When the mint was first established, Sam said, considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining an adequate supply of copper, and so it was taken from every possible source, including old kitchen utensils. Trial patterns were struck in 1792 and in 1793, the latter being followed by the regular issue. These first cents were struck at a great loss to the government, their cost being estimated at from 50¢ per coin upward. The circulation of the first pieces was very restricted, few of them getting very far from the

mint.
The obverse of the 1793 cent was copied from a French medal; the coin early came in for much criticism. The portrait was disliked by the public; and exception was taken to the chain on the reverse, it being considered rather an emblem of slavery than one of unity. This resulted in the substitution of the wreath reverse.
Sam spoke of the overdates and errors, such as the IINITED STATES, the 1/000 fraction, etc. He discussed the rarity of the 1799 issue, and said the reason for the rarity of this date is unknown, though many theories have been proposed. Among them is that the copper being nearly pure it was so soft that wear was excessive, and that a number of them were exported and lost at sea.
Sam described numerous die breaks, some of them being progressive.
He said that minor varieties of design are pronounced up to 1816; after this date many exist, but careful examination is necessary to detect most of them. The varieties often are due to the efforts of the coin artists to gradually improve the designs.
The War of 1812 affected the issue of cents; none were struck in 1815 due to the destruction of the mint during the war. Dies dated 1815 were prepared but were not used until 1816, when they were overdated 1816. Fakes of 1815 exist, many of them being concocted by collectors who wished to show a complete series of dates.
Sam's talk thus was extremely informative and interesting, and we thank him for giving it.

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Tom Ward will speak on "Our Debt to the Roman Coinage" at the Orange County Coin Club, Women's Club House, Brea, on May 27.

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For such a bum speaker, Tom seems to get a lot of invitations to speak. Maybe it's because it sounds good when he quits.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING, in addition to Sam Kabealo's cents:

Paul Boltz: Presidential medals; U.S. type set
Irving Knickerbocker: Commemorative and other U.S. gold; commemorative half dollars; U.S. proof sets; British proofs
Atwood MacDonald: Canadian sets, including coins of Queen Elizabeth II
Lew Ponosh: The medal presented to him at the C.S.N.A. convention
Doc Bruce Wallace: U.S. type set
Tom Ward: Four unusual Roman coins obtained at the C.S.N.A. convention

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This list of exhibits seems skimpy again; we should have had more.

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THE PIONEER - As far as we know, Gene Johnston is the first feller in San Diego to obtain the new British coronation coins. But he forgot to bring them to show at the meeting!

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

LANDIS, Harold E.	1068 Law St., San Diego 9
MIEL, Edward G.	4169 Louisiana St., San Diego 4
BROOKS, Kenny	3130 Felton St., San Diego 4
HUGHES, Douglas	1556 Rosecrans, San Diego 6
STANSBURY, Mike	766 W. Chase St., El Cajon

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OUR WANDERING MEMBERS - Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker didn't return directly from the convention; they spent a few days in Yosemite Park.

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Louie and Gail Walrath also spent a few days in Yosemite Park; then went on to Reno and other Nevada points before returning home.

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Doc Ray and Florence Wilson also did some travelling, they having just returned from New Mexico and Texas. Doc wasn't able to go to the convention, due to a dentists' convention being held at the same time.

But maybe the reason that Doc went to Texas was to get an early start on the A.N.A. convention.

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Another old-timer turned up at our last meeting; Mr. Joaquin. We were glad to see him, and hope we'll see him regularly again.

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But we are sorry to report that Charlie Leuschner is in hospital again. Of course he has the best wishes of all of us for a quick recovery.

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Besides giving his talk on cents, Sam Kabcalo acted as our auctioneer. That must have been a novelty for him.

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A copy of "Reading and Dating Roman Coins" by Zander H. Klawans was donated to our library by Harry Bouchard. Thanks, Harry.

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Lew Peck reported on the C.S.N.A. convention at Merced, and added that the next one will be at the Hotel Mayfair, 7th and Witmer Sts., Los Angeles, October 23-25. The 1954 spring convention will be at the Hotel Bellevue, San Francisco.

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National Coin Week displays were reported by Doc Bruce Wallace. These consisted of a display of crowns by Doc in the San Diego Federal Savings Building; another display of crowns by Frank Hernandez in the First National Bank Building; and various other coins together with one of Emil Johnson's coin ships in Doc's own window.

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Abe Beck planned a display of U.S. gold and fractional currency in an El Cajon bank window; but at this writing we do not know if he got it in early enough for National Coin Week.

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The Roosevelt High School conducts an annual hobby show, and Doc Ray Wilson has offered to give prizes for the best coin displays at the next one.

Gail Walrath and Minnie MacDonald prepared and served the lunch at our last meeting.

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Minnie wore a dress decorated with large horizontal arrows. These, of course, were to direct people to detour when she headed in with a pot of hot coffee.

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Call the bank examiners, somebody. When Treasurer Paul Boltz made his financial report last month, he said he knew it was right, because he and Charlie Leuschner had checked it together.

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When Irving Knickerbocker blew himself for a couple of thousand bucks worth of coins, Mattie naturally demanded something for her, too. So they compromised by buying her a new fur stole.

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This led to the following conversation between Mattie and the Hermit of Skunk Hollow:

Mattie: "You know what a fur stole is, don't you?"

The Hermit: "Sure; it's a fur that someone got away with".

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CORRECTION: Last month we made another of our frequent bungles at the bottom of page 10. We started talking about Frenchy Vigneault and Louie Walrath's gavel, and then broke off in the middle of a sentence. This sort of left Frenchy with the gavel in mid-air, so to speak, and in order for him to get it down we herewith give you the paragraph as it should have been:

Frenchy Vigneault finds Louie Walrath's gavel very handy for attracting attention. When he banged it down to open the meeting, Clive Foss almost jumped out of his shoes.

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This information should now enable Anna Panosh to sleep nights again. When she read the busted sentence, she wailed that she would always worry until she knew what had happened.

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COINS AT THE COUNTY FAIR - Doc Bruce Wallace also re-

ported on this project. He said that the fair management would provide at least four locked cases in the Mineral and Gem Building (the best location), under a 24-hour guard. So tell the doc what you want to show. The fair will be June 26 to July 5.

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JUST A FIREBUG - That big brush fire near Vista didn't threaten the Walrath ranch, but Gail did her best to make it so. She was burning trash, and some sparks ignited the weeds. In her hurry to turn on the water, Gail threw away the stick with which she had been poking the fire: the stick was lit, and so it started still another fire.

All this fire was promptly put out though, as the Walrath ranch is all piped with a sprinkler system which can be turned on all at once, thus soaking the whole joint.

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THE PANOSH DRIVE - Speaking of "soaking the whole joint", someone should page Noah for Lew Panosh. He also has a sprinkler system in his yard; he turned it on and then went away and forgot about it. When he returned, his yard looked like it had been visited by the Biblical rain of forty days.

Among other things, Lew's fishpond had overflowed, so that he had to wade all over the yard picking up his goldfish and throwing them back where they belonged.

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He should have called in that famous fisherman, Doc Wallace; Doc would have had a field day.

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And if he then told us about catching so many fish, this time we would have believed him.

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"HANDS-ACROSS-THE-SEA" DEPT. - In our January number we said that our English friends were too polite to tell us their real opinion of this here Bulletin. Well, that ain't so no longer; they told us.

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That is, Secretary Francis Jones received a letter from Spink and Son, Ltd., London - signed by a number

of members of the firm - saying that this thing had the reputation there of being a scandal sheet. Thus English opinion is in harmony with the local one.

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Of course, you understand that this is just typical English moderation and understatement; Spink's could have called the Bulletin a lot of worse things.

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Spink's people go on to say that they follow with interest the antics of Irving and Hattie Knickerbocker and the Hermit of Skunk Hollow; although they have not yet determined the identity of the latter "gentleman", thus using the word "gentleman" rather loosely.

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And as Spink's staff expressed a wish for photos of our members, we sent a set of those Doc Ray Wilson took at our installation and dinner. These were duly acknowledged, and our English friends say that now they will be able to put faces to the names in the Bulletin - especially Mr. Panosh. We sent them Lew's picture with his slightly disguised face; so now the first time anyone with pop eyes, an oversized nose, and handle bar moustache walks into Spink's, Mr. Linecar, Mr. Crowther, or someone will greet him: "Good morning, Mr. Panosh".

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More English news: Seaby's Coin and Medal Bulletin states that we continue to give the customers "amusing, if not exactly numismatic information", and quotes some of our "did-you-know" to prove it. Well, we have always said that any resemblance of the S.D.N.S. Bulletin to a numismatic publication is strictly coincidental.

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In a more serious note, Seaby's Bulletin reports cases where finders of a hoard of 450 Roman coins received 34 shillings ($4.80); and of a hoard of 133, 10 shillings ($1.47), in reward from the government. Seaby's editor quite rightly points out that this is poor recompense for turning in the hoards intact; if the official awards are so low, finders will be in-

clined to keep anything they discover, thus hindering the study of the finds.
If we were ever lucky enough to find 450 Roman coins and knew that all we would get for them would be $4.80, we know we would not be proof against the temptation to keep them and say nothing.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - Following are coming programs of this organization:
June 26: "Foreign Orders and Decorations" by William D. Koonce at his home, 4269 Fair Ave., North Hollywood
July 17: "Prehistoric Indian Mounds" by Dr. Charles Harbeck at his home, 5401 - 8th Ave., Los Angeles
At the April meeting Mr. Johns gave a fine talk on Decimus Brutus, explaining a number of obscure points in Roman politics of the period, and analysing the treacheries of the contending politicians and their supporters. He exhibited coins of the various factions. Dr. Rosenkranz exhibited medals, chiefly the scarcer British campaign medals. The "restoration" coins of Trajan Decius (or Gallienus?) having been discussed at the previous meeting, Tom Ward exhibited this series. Clive Foss made a special trip to Los Angeles just to attend this meeting.

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Please note that the June 26 meeting of the Classical Collectors will be on the 4th Friday, instead of the usual 3rd Friday. This is because the Los Angeles schools close on the 3rd Friday; Bill Koonce is a teacher, and therefore will be in the last stages of exhaustion after getting rid of his students. He will need a week to recover enough to talk.

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FOOLING THE EXPERTS AGAIN - We don't know whether Doc Bruce Wallace's or Charlie Leuschner's face is the reddest. Doc for a long time tried to sell Charlie an 1803 large date small fraction cent for $1.25, thinking it was something else. Charlie said the price was too high. Suddenly they both woke up to what it was; Doc then changed his price to $25, which led to some debate with Charlie, who then wanted it for $1.25.

COINAGE DURING FEBRUARY, 1953:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars			
Quarters	$ 853,000.00	117,000.00	
Dimes	210,000.00	154,000.00	
Nickels	134,000.00		
Cents	24,400.00	131,500.00	512,350.00

Cumulative, January to February, 1953 (pieces):

Half dollars			
Commemorative half dollars	8,003	8,003	8,003
Quarters	8,772,000	2,432,000	5,276,400
Dimes	13,670,000	1,540,000	11,566,000
Nickels	2,680,000		
Cents	22,840,000	25,200,000	112,805,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The Philadelphia mint also struck in February -

For Cuba, 1,180,000 brass 1-centavo

For Ethiopia, 944,000 bronze 10-cents

The San Francisco mint also struck in February -

For Salvador, 1,900,000 brass 1-centavo

PENNIES FROM THE PAST - The Duke of Windsor reportedly paid $14 each for five West African pennies - worth 3¢ each. West African pennies were the only coins minted with the Duke's likeness during his reign as King Edward VIII.

- Quick News Weekly.

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Here we go once more talking about something we don't know anything about. While several small British possessions struck coins in the name of King Edward VIII, we always understood that they were low values only, on which his portrait did not appear. How about it?

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Holland has turned down 15 million dollars from the United States, and Secretary of State Dulles expresses

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himself as being quite gratified by this. If this leaves the numismatic secretary with a few millions that he doesn't know what to do with, we would be very glad to take some off his hands.

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In order to speed up a rush letter to the Bulletin editor, Francis Jones marked the envelope "USELESS IF DELAYED".
This suggests a slogan for this here Bulletin; maybe in the future we should mark it "USELESS IF DELIVERED".

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A New York magazine publishes an article on how to be broke on $15,000 a year. Shucks, lots of people are doing it on only half as much.

- "Senator Soapers" in
The San Diego Union.

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And now we'll close with a final reminder about our anniversary dinner on June 1. Be sure to come to our birthday party. And also be sure you take note that it will be in the Y.M.C.A. at 8th and C Sts., don't go to Dartlee Hall that night, or you will be disappointed. Bring your friends and bring stuff for display. We'll be seeing you there - all of you, we hope.

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And so to bed.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 6 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The spotlight of the year took place on Monday, June 1 at the San Diego Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St; the celebrating of the 16th anniversary of the San Diego Numismatic Society.

A large group of members and guests were present (to the count of 81; the hall was filled). Our thanks go to Mr. Lew Panosh for his fine job in making all the arrangements for our dinner. Also, we are already indebted to Lew for the many dinners and banquets which he has so nicely arranged in the past.

Mrs. Atwood L. Macdonald, who was responsible for the entertainment, deserves a big hand.

Our secretary, Mr. Francis Jones, also did a nice job of collecting for the dinners at the door; although he was called away several times on business. That's when Gene Johnston came in and gave Francis a hand.

Mrs. Mattie Knickerbocker pleased all by her arrangement of the flowers and favors. The real flower dealer, Mr. James Anderson, who donated the flowers for the dinner gets a big hand from all of us. They were beautiful. And they served a threefold purpose: (1) for decorating the dinner tables during the evening; (2) they were raffled off, the proceeds being over $11.00 for our club treasury; and (3) for a little entertainment.

Dr. Bruce Wallace gave a very comprehensive review of the founding and progress of the San Diego Numismatic Society. And he should know what he's talking about; after all, wasn't he the founder and No. 1 member? He introduced several of the early members of the club, and had them give short talks about themselves and their activities in the club. The early members

are Mrs. Elise Wallace, Mr. Olav A. Berghli, Mrs. J. R. Hefner, Mr. Irving B. Knickerbocker, and Mr. Paul Boltz, our present treasurer.
A fine assortment of displays were viewed and enjoyed by all, and I might add that the competition for ribbons was pretty stiff, it being very hard for the judges to pick the winners.
Going back to Gene Johnston: he may not be very much of a flower dealer, but he sure can sell those raffle tickets. Well done, Gene.
Our hat is off to all persons who participated on different committees, and those who donated coins and other articles for the door and raffle prizes.
Will be seeing you all at our next meeting, and at our new location.

- Arthur J. (Frenchy) Vigneault,
President.

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THE SECRETARY SAYS -

We have a meeting place that we can be proud of now, so let's fill it with new members. Can we meet that goal of 100 members this year? I think we can.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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WE ARE CHANGING OUR MEETING PLACE. So please note that our next meeting, Monday, July 6, will be at the Y.M.C.A., 4th Avenue and C Street. We also plan to try changing our meeting night to a Friday, but this will not be done until after the July meeting. We will notify you of the change if and when arranged. It seems to be the opinion of many that Friday would be a better meeting night, as Saturday is a non-working day for many of us, who thus can rest up after all the rigors of a G.D.P.S. meeting. It is also thought that Friday would be better for the juniors for much the same reason; no school next day.
Several reasons are given for changing from Bartlee Hall to the Y.M.C.A. With our present rate of growth, it will not be long before we would be crowded for space. Then too, the lighting at Bartlee Hall was not adequate; several members tried to solve this by

bringing their own lights to supplement the hall's illumination. The room offered to us in the Y.M.C.A. (the room where we held our anniversary dinner) is large and well lighted. A kitchen is attached, and we understand that the management takes care of such things as dishwashing, etc. The location is in the business district, which also may be better for the juniors, they being saved trips out to the University district. And due to the central location, we may draw more interested visitors.

The cost to the club is less, the room being $4.00 per night cheaper.

It is true that there are some disadvantages. Parking space is scarce in this area; however there are several auto parks close by, the one immediately adjoining the building charging 35¢ per evening. The fact that the hall is on the second floor might seem a handicap for some of our members who are not in the best of physical condition, but an elevator is available. And coins and other material now have to be brought upstairs, instead of just being carried in from the street level. We may find the hall less quiet than our former one. That seems to sum up the situation; in any case we have made this move, and trust it will be a wise one.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

HERNANDEZ, Frank P.	215 East Cedar St., El Cajon
MOULMESTER, John	701 West Chase St., El Cajon
HERZOG, Carl	1270 East Main St., El Cajon

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It looks like the boat from El Cajon must have come in this month.

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Frank Hernandez, as most of you know, is the feller who cleaned a million dollars. Well, we wouldn't want to exaggerate, so maybe it's not quite a million. But it looks like it when he gets from all spread out.

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John Moulmester and Carl Herzog were in the group of guests brought by Ernest Lang.

THE "PRESIDENT EMERITUS" SPEAKS

By Doc Bruce Wallace

- "clothes make the man", but with women clothes show how she is made. The dress that makes a girl look slim, makes others look 'round. There are fifty million reasons why modern women dress as they do, and every one is a man. Evening dresses are so called 'cause they look like night gowns.
- go to your mother and say "All that I am I owe to you, Mother". Then give her 30¢ and square the account. Pay your wife a compliment, such as "You're a fine one" or say to your lady friend, "Your hat is becoming - a little out of date".
- a bank is a place where you can borrow money, if you have plenty of evidence that you don't need it. They will always lend you an umbrella, only to call in the loan if it starts raining.
- remember when you said to your wife "The bank has returned your check, Darling", and she cooed "Oh goody goody! Now I can buy another dress with it".
- if money is the root of all evil, let's all go to root.

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OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER - In his "President's Message" Frenchy Vigneault gave a report on this, so we'll only add a few of our own silly remarks.

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For instance, when Frenchy introduced Doc Bruce Wallace as "President Emeritus", he kind of fumbled over that word "Emeritus". Well, that ain't so surprising, because after all, it ain't no French word.

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Doc Wallace said that at the first S.D.N.S. meeting, 10¢ was collected from each member for expenses. Now there's an idea; how about getting back to 10¢ dues?

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Then too, Doc said that the S.D.N.S. met for the first six years in the San Diego Gas and Electric Building, and then moved. While he didn't say so, we suppose the rent finally came due.

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At last we have found some place where Joe is ahead of his wife, Elise. He is member No. 1, and she is only No. 2.

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No one can call Francis Jones "Mama's boy". He forgot that his mother, Mrs. Leah Jones, was at the dinner.

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But he promptly remembered her when she won one of the prizes; he took it away from her. We must say we don't know what this younger generation is coming to.

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The unusually fine music we had at the dinner was due to the efforts of Minnie MacDonald. She made arrangements with Mr. Jacques, manager of Bonham Brothers Boys' Band for those skilled young musicians; they were Warren Sauer, John Callard, Jim Hoffman, Pat Wallman, and John Markley.

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Mattie Knickerbocker also did her share - or maybe more. She spent a good deal of the afternoon decorating the tables; and a very good job she made of them, too.

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While the flowers were supplied by Jim Anderson, Mattie did the arranging. After the dinner they were auctioned off. (We mean the flowers were auctioned off; not Mattie and Jim). One of the buyers was Gene Johnston; for a wedding, maybe???

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Sometimes Frenchy Vigneault shows distinct Gallic temperament. We had several pretty girl visitors; and Frenchy's Parisian eye spotted 'em all, no matter how inconspicuous they made themselves.

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And his wife, Ivah, was present too! Incidentally both she and Mary Bowler having just reached new birthdays, we gave them the old "Happy Birthday" routine.

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Mary Bowler says it is her 78th. We don't know which one it is of Ivah Vigneault, and we ain't got the nerve to ask a lady how old she is.

EXHIBITS AT THE DINNER:

Jim Crouthamel: U.S. type set; proof sets; U.S. gold; commemorative half dollars; gold notes (FIRST AWARD)

Tom Ward: The scarcer Roman Imperial portraits (SECOND AWARD)

Atwood MacDonald: Scottish coins (THIRD AWARD)

Francis Jones: U.S. type set (FOURTH AWARD)

Mrs. Anna Panosh: Foreign orders, decorations, and medals (SPECIAL AWARD)

Olav Borghli: Indian cents complete

Paul Boltz: U.S. type set

Harry Bouchard: Coin holders

Clive Foss: The development of English coins, farthings to shillings

Irving Knickerbocker: Chinese odd shaped coins; complete sets of U.S. 3¢ nickel, 5¢, 20¢, and Indian $2.50 gold; commemorative gold

Ernest Lang: Crowns of Central and South America

Mrs. Minnie MacDonald: Commemorative gold

Lew Panosh: U.S. proof sets; Iceland commemorative coins; Canadian coins including those of Queen Elizabeth II; the new British Queen Elizabeth II set; Eire, Vatican, South African, and Indian sets

Frenchy Vigneault: Fractional currency

Doc Bruce Wallace: Badges of various fraternal orders; German metal notgeld (emergency money)

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The awards were appropriately colored ribbons; they were presented to the winners and then withdrawn for the purpose of having their names printed on them.

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Atwood MacDonald's showing of Scottish coins was the largest we have seen for years, and probably the largest ever shown in this area. We don't know if he inherited them or what, but anyway he sure has a nice lot. He displayed them well too, on a tartan background.

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No doubt the Clan MacDonald tartan.

The display of Clive Foss showed the evolution of English coins beginning with those of Charles II down to today, and demonstrated all the changes in design, fabric, art work, etc.

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Of course we all know Doc Bruce Wallace is a sociable guy; but we still don't think he is sociable enough to belong to all the fraternal organizations whose badges he showed.

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Harry Bouchard showed his coin holders each containing a phoney concoction. While he had the display marked "We make them ourselves", he claims he really didn't. He meant he only made the holders.

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The exhibit of Tom Ward possibly wasn't too flashy or spectacular, but any collector of Roman coins will know what it means when we say that it was composed entirely of coins of Britannicus, Lucius Vitellius, Antinous, Faustina, Didius Julianus, Manlia Scantilla, Didia Clara, Pescennius Niger, Aquilia Severa, Julia Domna, Annia Faustina, Orbiana, Paulina, Gordian I and II, Tranquillina, Herennius I and II, Quintus, Herius, Marcia Otacilia, Domitius Domitianus, Hannibalianus, Lucanius, John, Majorian, and Anthemius. We assure you that you don't see that combination very often.

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Many of the displays were very well shown, some of them in plastic frames (those of Jim Freuthenel, Lew Panosh, and Irving Knickerbocker), others in various types of glass frames (those of Minnie MacDonald and Anna Panosh).

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Speaking of frames, Lew Panosh's display showed coins in plastic holders prepared by the mints of Eire, India, the Vatican, Great Britain and other countries; the holder used by the British mint even had the names of the artists who designed the new coinage. This moves us to comment: U.S. mint, please copy.

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When Gene Johnston held the drawing for the door prizes, both of the kids he used drew their own numbers. Can it be that they were flim-flamming Gene?

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THE STRENUOUS LIFE ON A VISTA FARM - Louie Walrath is the proud possessor of a prize black Minorca rooster. Which doesn't like Gail Walrath. Every time Gail goes near the chickens, the rooster gets hostile, especially if she has any red on her clothing. She is used to booting it aside; but she went near it carelessly while wearing red shoes, and before she realized the danger, the rooster had sunk its spurs deep enough in her ankle to cause severe bleeding.

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This is the first suspicion we had that Louie raised fighting cocks.

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But after this episode, we wouldn't be surprised if the main course at a Walrath dinner was a black Minorca rooster.

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HUNTING AND TRAPPING DEPT. - Jim Anderson's place has been infested with rabbits. So he subsidized his young son, Billy, paying him a bounty for each rabbit he caught. Billy was very successful for a while; but a problem developed when his trap caught a skunk.

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Probably the Hermit of Skunk Hollow would have been right at home in that situation; but it was one to puzzle civilized people.

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So far no one seems to have given a satisfactory explanation of the loud "BANG!" that hit San Diego a couple of weeks ago, and so we herewith offer our own theory. Maybe Emil Johnson dropped his Swedish plate money.

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Maybe we shouldn't have told you last month about Minnie MacDonald's dress with the big arrows on it. In England big arrows are the marks on a convict's uniform; so maybe our English readers will get a

wrong impression about Minnie.

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Another distinction for a S.D.N.S. member; Doc Ray Wilson won one of the Heath Literary Awards for his article "A Brief Review of the Coinage of Colonial Mexico". Congratulations, Doc.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next program of this organization will be "Siamese White Elephants I Have Known" by Dr. Charles Harbeck at his home, 5401 - 8th Ave., Los Angeles, July 17.

At the May meeting, Capt. Nicholas Jamgochian gave a fine talk on Morocco, where he had been stationed until recently, illustrating it with beautiful color slides and Moroccan coins from those of ancient Mauretania and Numidia to modern pieces.

Captain Nick's pictures showed various interesting scenes, many of them being of the ruins of Volubilis. He followed these with many other fine views of the ruins of Rome, Pompeii, and Ostia.

Earle Stanton exhibited coins pertaining to Morocco; those of Juba I, Cleopatra Selene, etc. Professor Wallace Todd showed an English 12th century gold ointment vessel, very beautifully constructed and decorated - a masterpiece of the goldsmith's art. William Woonce showed a series of orders and decorations of the various Moslem states which succeeded the Roman provinces in North Africa and the Near East. Clive Foss came in next to Los Angeles for this meeting.

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We had previously announced that Doc Harbeck's talk would be on Indian mounds. Now it turns out that he will talk on White Elephants instead. While we ain't sure, we think the reason for this change is that Mrs. Harbeck wouldn't stand for Doc exhibiting specimens of Indian mounds in her parlor, she would consider them as piles of dirt, and sweep 'em out.

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When Capt. Nick Jamgochian left his car, he spilled his coins. One of them - a denarius of Juba II - required long and careful search to recover. Fortun-

ately it was found; but suppose it hadn't been. Then if it turned up again in a thousand years or so, would the archaeologists and numismatists of that future time be justified in deducing trade between Mauretania and Los Angeles in the 1st century A.D.?

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We all are glad to see Charlie Leuschner out of hospital once more, and hope he stays out this time. While Charlie was laid up he did a lot of reading, and discovered some numismatic articles in non-numismatic publications. He pointed these out to us, and we expect to print them next month.

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At the Orange County Coin Club's May meeting, Tom Ward spoke on "Our Debt to the Roman Mint". He stated that the impression which Roman civilization made on the whole world was so strong that its effects persist persist even now - in our language, law, architecture, and many other ways. This Roman influence is shown in modern U.S. coinage which, in its design, style, symbolism, legends, etc., follows the coinage of Rome. Tom exhibited various Roman Republican and Imperial coins illustrating the points mentioned.

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The talk must have been a success, because nobody threw anything.

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Doc Bruce Wallace has busted into the public print again. The San Diego Union printed his picture in the uniform of Divisional Supreme Patriarchos of the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans. This order is the social branch of the Odd Fellows, and the newspaper article was in connection with the Odd Fellows' convention at Fresno.

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Scientific tests are reported to prove that it is possible to learn while sleeping. So next time Sam Chamberlain seems to be asleep at a meeting, we will know that he is merely learning about coins.

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Does Francis Jones expect to get a commission on the dues of all the new members he has brought in?

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COINAGE DURING MARCH, 1953

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$ 538,204.50	$70,000.00	2,313,000.00
Quarters	602.25		833,000.00
Dimes	240.90		714,000.00
Nickels	32,120.00		432,800.00
Cents	24.00	274,000.00	833,300.00
Cumulative, January to March, 1953 (pieces):			
Half dollars	1,076,409	1,740,000	4,626,000
Commemorative half dollars	8,003	8,003	8,003
Quarters	8,774,409	2,432,000	8,602,400
Dimes	13,672,439	1,740,000	18,706,000
Nickels	3,322,400		8,656,000
Cents	22,842,400	52,600,000	196,135,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The Philadelphia mint also struck in March -
For Ethiopia, 2,512,000 bronze 10-cents
For Cuba, 2,000,000 silver 20-centavos; 32,020,000 brass 1-centavo

We'll see you at the Y.M.C.A. July 6; don't forget that new address.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 3 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

OUR EXHIBIT AT THE COUNTY FAIR - The members listed below displayed coins at the San Diego County Fair just held; every one of them won awards, which is remarkable - although quite in line with past S.D.N.S. performances, where our members always grab their full share of prizes. Or more than their share.
The coin displays were divided into four classes; United States, Foreign, Ancient, and Odd and Unusual Money.

Atwood MacDonald: All coins of the Denver mint, with photographs of the mint and other appropriate pictures (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

Doc Bruce Wallace: A large series of crowns of various nations and periods (FIRST AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

Tom Ward: Roman Republican silver (FIRST AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

Lew Panosh: Many kinds of odd money, such as Siamese "bullets" and blisters, Chinese "ant noses", etc. (FIRST AWARD FOR ODD MONEY)

Frenchy Vigneault: Commemorative half dollars; fractional currency (SECOND AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

Clive Foss: Medieval English and modern British coins (SECOND AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

Francis Jones: Series of U.S. dollars (THIRD AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

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In addition to the above, Emil Johnson won a special award cup, but not for his coins (although had he shown some of his Swedish coins, we know he would have got a prize for them, too). Emil exhibited some of his fine hammered silver and copper objects which he executes with such skill - tea pots, pitchers, etc.

So when we collared four 1st, two 2nd, one 3rd, and one special award, we think we didn't do half bad. Maybe the only reason we didn't get more prizes is that we didn't have more exhibits. After all, the fair management could give only one award to each display.

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And to paraphrase Patrick Henry: "If that be swell-headedness, make the most of it".

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For our success at the fair, we must thank not only the exhibitors, but also those who did so much of the work connected with the show. These include Doc Bruce Wallace, who made all the arrangements with the fair management; Clive Foss, who placed coins on display for those unable to do so in person; and especially Francis Jones, who made himself a committee of one to attend the displays. Francis devoted every day and evening excepting two to this self-imposed duty for the whole course of the fair. And the only reason he missed those two days was that he contracted a slight cold. Francis explained the coins to the visitors, answered coin questions, and gave the S.D.N.S. a lot of oral publicity. According to official fair estimates, it is believed that about 100,000 people entered the Gem and Mineral Building, where our displays were housed, and about 75,000 of them saw the coins. And Francis thinks that every one of the 75,000 asked him something.

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Already Doc Wallace is making plans for the 1954 Fair, in order to have our next displays bigger and even better. It was due to Doc's efforts that we had space in the best building; he now says that some new buildings are contemplated, and he hopes that we, in cooperation with the San Diego Stamp Club, next year might obtain the use of an entire building for the displays of nothing but coins and stamps.

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Doc also hopes for better cases next year. The cases assigned to us were all right, but not the best type

for coins. They were rather deep, being designed for larger objects, and so the coins were somewhat distant from the glass, hindering close examination.
Lew Panosh suggested the purchase of cases of our own, and Frenchy Vigneault is going to get estimates on the cost of such cases.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

SPINK AND SON, Ltd.	5-7 King Street, St. James's, London, S. W. 1, England
BEACHLY, Nan S.	927 Sapphire St., San Diego 9

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Now that we have a member in England, this shows how far the S.D.M.S. reaches out to grab members. We don't even recognize the Atlantic Ocean as a boundary for our territory.

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But an English member presents a new problem for Secretary Francis Jones. He will have to mail Spink's Bulletin a couple of months early, so our English friends will get the meeting notices early enough for them to come to the meetings.

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Seriously though, we do wish it were possible for the members of Spink's staff to come to our meetings. We have never met these people personally, but have dealt with them by mail for many years; and we can assure you that they are "regular fellows" who would be right at home with us.
In these days of high speed super-sonic jet airplanes, who knows but that some day it will be possible for our English friends to scoot over here for a meeting? We hope so.

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As our other new member lives on Sapphire St., she really should have had a display in the Gem and Mineral Building at the Fair, along with the rest of us.

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Bob Fleurnoy has just returned from a vacation trip in British Columbia. He says he had a swell time

EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING consisted of a reconstruction of our County Fair displays, with the following additional material:

Abe Beck: Fractional currency
Francis Jones: British Queen Elizabeth II Coronation coins
Tom Ward: Roman Republican and Imperial brockages
Henry Woods: U.S. and Mexican gold

And as usual, Irving Knickerbocker, Doc Bruce Wallace, and Paul Boltz showed various U.S. and foreign coins.

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We forgot to ask Abe Beck if his fractional currency was complete; but we think it was.

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Tom Ward's brockages were those peculiar coins which, instead of having a normal reverse, have a second obverse, incuse. This is caused by a coin sticking in the upper die, and by coming down on the next blank, impressing in it the obverse of the previously struck coin.

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MODESTY? OR BASHFULNESS? - On being asked to explain his exhibit, Henry Woods said he didn't know anything about it.

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Going back to the subject of freak coins, Clive Foss showed us a small bronze of a member of the family of Constantine I having no obverse, but instead two different reverses. We don't know which Emperor struck the coin, as both reverses were used by several of them.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting of this organization will be at the home of George Bennett, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles, August 21.
An exhibition of ancient gold and silver from the collection of Dr. Chrest Lazaro is planned for Sept. 18.
We will give you the address of the exhibit next month.

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COINAGE DURING APRIL, 1953

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	2,956.00	99,000.00	5,591,200.00
Quarters	1,478.00		
Dimes	591.20		4,870,000.00
Nickels	295.00	338,400.00	
Cents	59.00	164,000.00	8,250.00
Cumulative, January to April, 1953 (pieces):			
Half dollars	1,082,321	1,938,000	15,808,400
Commemorative half dollars	8,003	8,003	8,003
Quarters	8,780,321	2,432,000	8,602,400
Dimes	13,678,321	1,540,000	67,406,000
Nickels	3,328,300	6,768,000	8,656,000
Cents	22,848,300	69,000,000	196,960,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The Philadelphia mint also struck in April -
For Cuba: 6,800,000 brass 1-centavo and 11,968,000 silver 25-centavos.
For Ethiopia: 15,544,000 bronze 10-cents and 1,944,000 bronze 5-cents.

FISH STORY DEPT. - Doc and Elise Wallace have just returned from a fishing trip to Navajo Lake, near Cedar Breaks, Utah. Doc says he caught 100 trout. Your belief, of course, is optional.

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Doc says that a sudden melting of snow caused the lake to rise so suddenly that many fish were swept over the dam. So maybe he got his fish by following the drainage channel and picking up the stranded ones.

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Doc also says that the nights were very cold; almost freezing. So maybe he gathered in frozen fish.

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The gals that we have to thank this time for taking care of the lunch are Anna Panosh and Mrs. Eddy. Later Al Eddy assisted them; we don't know if that is at all

proper, as we think he ain't got no waiters' union card.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION will be held at Dallas, Texas, August 22-26. Those of us who are A.N.A. members have received full information, but we might list here the candidates for office for 1953-1954:

PRESIDENT: Dr. J. Hewitt Judd
1st VICE PRESIDENT: Leonel C. Panosh
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Col. James W. Curtis
SECRETARY: Lewis M. Reagan
TREASURER: Harold R. Klein
BOARD OF GOVERNORS (5):

Maj. Sheldon S. Carroll	John J. Pittman
Lillard W. Culver	Mrs. June T. Pond
Capt. O. H. Dodson	E. Ward Russell
Joseph F. Haley	I. Newton Sanders
John M. Morris, Jr.	C. [illegible] Troyer
Christian M. Petersen	Glenn [illegible]. Smedley

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Of the above names, we especially call your attention to our own Low Panosh, who would make a fine officer. So remember him when you cast your ballot.

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We also call your attention to the fact that Chris Petersen is one of our members; so us S.D.N.S. fellers and gals should remember him, too.

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If you are not going to the convention, Low Panosh would like to have your proxies.

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THE PUBLICITY HOUND - We didn't know that Frenchy Vigneault was so prominent until we saw a copy of the "Barometer", the Naval Station newspaper; Frenchy's picture was on page 1 as a winner in a contest for naming the paper, and again on page 2 where he was shown presenting a deep freezer to a gal.

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If his wife, Ivah, sees that picture, it may make her demand a deep freezer too. Or maybe it would lead to

her putting Frenchy in a deep freeze. Which would be worse than the traditional dog house.

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There was one thing missing in the captions of the pictures. There was no mention of Frenchy being president of the S.D.N.S.

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John Yribarne has moved from Long Beach to: 117 East Sunset South, Redlands.

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Which doesn't bring him a bit closer to the S.D.N.S.

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We all have heard of those alleged cities where the streets are paved with gold, but at last we have verified one street that will be paved with silver. Well anyway, a little silver. This is Franklin Street, Oakland, right in front of the store of Frank Galvin. As an advertising scheme, frank planned to imbed several silver dollars in the sidewalk; the U.S. government takes a dim view of such use for dollars, and so Frank had to switch to trade dollars.

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Too bad Frank couldn't go ahead with his original idea. We would have made a trip to Oakland just to see those 1799, 1804, and 1852 dollars stuck in the cement.

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We would have taken along a pick.

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More Oakland news: the East Bay Coin Club placed a display in the Anglo-California Bank, with coins running from the Greek of the VII century B.C., down to the new Queen Elizabeth II issues.

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Regarding Frenchy Vigneault's noisy gavel, Clive Foss says the head should be wrapped in cotton-wool.

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He means that the gavel's head should be wrapped; not Frenchy's.

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The Fallbrook Branch of the San Diego County Library is exhibiting Roman coins showing portraits of the

characters mentioned in the historical novels of Robert Graves: "I, Claudius" and "Claudius the God". These coins are from the collection of Tom Ward.

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PSYCHOLOGY DEPT. - We have discovered another reason why we collect coins. It is because we hate ourselves. Anyway, that is what Aldous Huxley says.

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He has it figured out that we hate to be so limited to what we really are and to have our individuality so constrained, that in order to free ourselves we either become drunks, smoke opium, join the Communists, or collect coins. Furthermore this self-hatred and self-escape stimulates the herd instinct, so we join groups of similar refugees; for instance, herds of coin collectors in numismatic societies.

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Unfortunately Huxley doesn't carry this a step further and tell us how to escape all the new problems we get when we do become coin collectors.

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For example, that of our muddled coin classification system. If you can call it a system.

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As a late example of meaningless grading, an ad in the May "Numismatist" gives an "about fine" price of $1.50 on a coin, and a "fine" price of $2.55 on the same coin. With a spread of $1.05 between the two prices, how much is "about"? Or to put it another way, how can a coin be described as "about" in a certain condition, when in order to buy it in that actual condition you have to pay 70% more? We can only conclude that the difference between "about fine" and "fine" must be 70%.

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Another alleged condition that gripes us is "almost uncirculated". What does that mean? A coin is either uncirculated or it is circulated; the word "uncirculated" is a positive term which admits of no modification. To say a coin is "almost uncirculated" is like saying a man is "almost honest".

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THE ECHINER - Courtney Coffing has been trying to finagle some way of getting to the A.N.A. Dallas convention, and at last he worked it out. He got his firm to transfer him to their Dallas branch.

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This goes to show that there are more ways of skinning a cat than by choking it with honey.

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We recently reported the change in Korean currency from the "won" to the "hwan". But once more we are shown the difficulty of checking inflation. The official rate now of the hwan is 60 to the dollar, with the prospect of its dropping to 80; and meanwhile its rate on the black market is 200.

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Again referring to our remarks about possible coins with the portrait of King Edward VIII, the "Numismatic Circular" of Spink and Son, Ltd. for May shows a picture of such a British (not Colonial) three pence. The "Circular" stated that while the coin was not supposed to have been issued, at least three specimens are known. The reason for this is believed to be that a few pieces were loaned to vending machine companies as trial pieces.

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We didn't yet do anything about trying to change our meeting night to a Friday; do you want to give this some thought?

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 14 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED DATE to miss the September 7 holiday.

THE SECRETARY SAYS - We now have a total of 101 members in our society, and they are all paid up members. The total breaks down to 71 active members, 20 associate members, and 10 junior members.
May I have the pleasure of seeing you at the meetings?

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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Do you want to move again? At the last meeting we had some discussion about halls, several members suggesting a move back to Dartlee Hall. Others were decidedly in favor of our staying where we now are, at the Y.M.C.A. We didn't do anything about it one way or the other; however you will be asked to express an opinion as to what location you prefer, so please give it some thought.
When we first moved to the Y.M.C.A. a couple of months ago, the Bulletin printed a summary of what we thought to be the merits and drawbacks of both locations. We won't repeat all that here, but will mention that the reasons for favoring Dartlee Hall seem to be chiefly the availability of parking space and the fact that it is on the ground floor. Its criticism rests on poor lighting, insufficient and unsatisfactory exhibit tables, and inadequate toilet facilities.
The reasons for favoring the Y.M.C.A. are: a larger hall at a lower price, better lighting, central location, and plenty of display tables. Against this is to be set: lack of parking space (although commercial parking lots are near) and the second floor location necessitating the use of stairs or elevator.

This seems to give the general views; please consider the matter, and let's come to a decision.
Meanwhile you will receive a card from Secretary Francis Jones asking your opinion; please fill it out and return it at once so that by the next meeting date we will at least know what our members think about a possible move.

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In asking for an expression of opinion, we must be sure to ask our English member, Spink and Son of London, if they prefer Bartlee Hall or the Y.M.C.A.

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Seriously though, we are asking for the preferences only of those members who live near enough to attend meetings frequently, as this problem most concerns them. We don't think that our members in Washington (Chris Petersen), Philadelphia (Col. Joe Moss), our several members in the San Francisco area, etc. care much where we meet.

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Now we are fussy about our choice of halls. But we can remember when we didn't have any at all, and used to meet in Doc Bruce Wallace's office, and sit on his counters, stools, boxes, on the floor, or anyhow.

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REMARKS FROM OUR ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN - Clive Foss states that our library is not getting the use it might have. We have a lot of books and other numismatic publications that many of us could well put to use, but they seem neglected. This material is stored in Atwood MacDonald's New Palace Hotel, 5th Avenue and Elm Street, San Diego. Clive is at the hotel most Monday mornings, and at other times Atwood will be glad to assist you in selecting library material.

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Last month we told you how slick Courtney Coffing was in getting his firm to transfer him to their Dallas branch in time for the A.N.A. convention there. Courtney's new address is: 324 South Marsalis St., Dallas, Texas.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

WOODS, Henry W.	1330 Clove St., San Diego 6
ANDREWS, Priscilla	1320 - 10th St., Coronado
GODA, Paul P.	4681 Stratton Ave., San Diego
LOWTHIAN, Mrs. Mark	4209 - 40th St., San Diego 5
FISCHER, Louis	4191 - 40th St., San Diego 5
WHITED, Robert W.	4315 Morse Road, La Mesa
WHITED, Mrs. Lu Ro.	4315 Morse Road, La Mesa

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The last four members listed above are also members of the Convair Coin Club, which consists of employees of that concern. This gives us an idea. How about visiting that club some time? Or arranging for them to have a joint meeting with us? Maybe we can help each other.

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It certainly shows great interest in numismatics when enough collectors work for one firm - even a big one like Convair - to form a coin club. The question rises: how many more collectors are there who are unknown, because they belong to no clubs nor publicize themselves in any way? Francis Jones has done a good job in locating a lot of 'em, but there must be hundreds more in this area.

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We have had help in bringing previously unknown collectors to our meetings through our meeting notices kindly printed by both morning and afternoon newspapers, the Union and the Tribune. Such notices now appear regularly in both papers.

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One of our new members, Henry Woods, is in the safe business. We don't mean that he is in a business that is not dangerous; we mean he sells safes. So now there is no excuse for each member failing to have a safe to keep coins in.

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And after saying that, should we send Henry a bill for advertising?

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Priscilla Andrews is a newcomer to Southern California;

she has been here only one month. And one of her first objects was to locate a good coin club. Namely, us.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Gene Johnston: Varied display of foreign gold
Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; trade dollars; commemorative half dollars
Ernest Lang: A tetradrachm of Syracuse
Atwood MacDonald: U.S. proof sets; Coronation crown and other new British and Canadian coins
Lew Panosh: All of the new British Queen Elizabeth II coins; 5 Queen Elizabeth II Coronation medals; latest medal of the Society of Medallists
Shorty Powell: Trade dollars
Dwight Safford: Military medals and their miniatures; large paper money
Frenchy Vigneault: Stone money from Munda Island
Doc Bruce Wallace: Greek and Roman silver and bronze

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Gene Johnston's gold made a fine showing; it included many attractive pieces, and we were especially impressed by his Peruvian gold set, which consisted of what we consider to be unusually neat and artistic coins.

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Shorty Powell, a visitor from Oregon, wouldn't give his first name, preferring to be called by his nickname. He said that otherwise it would be O.K. to call him the "Jesse James from Oregon". As we recall reading, Jesse James was a coin collector, too.

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When Shorty was introduced, he apologized for his accent, stating that as he had just got a new set of teeth, he had to learn to speak English all over again. However he said he "understood it fluently".

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Munda stone money showed by Frenchy Vigneault consisted of a disc carved from material somewhat resembling metamorphic limestone, but harder. Frenchy is going

to have the stone identified by a mineralogist.

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We were surprised to see Doc Bruce Wallace's Greek and Roman display, as he had not heretofore collected this series. But he bought a collection, and liked the coins too well to part with them - so he began a collection. He has a good start.

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This move of Doc's annoys the club's other two Roman collectors, Clive Foss and the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. It makes more competition for them.

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We did notice that Doc had one phoney Roman; now if we can only persuade him that the rest of his coins are forgeries too, we might not only discourage him from collecting them, but also might buy them from him very cheap.

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Then too, Ernest Lang has not collected ancient coins, yet he blossomed out with that Syracuse tetradrachm. If that is the kind of ancient coins he contemplates collecting, there is nothing wrong with his taste.

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There had better be nothing wrong with his billfold, either.

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Speaking of tetradrachms, has someone been peddling fake ones in San Diego? Atwood MacDonald and Dwight Safford both showed us specimens of forgeries the same evening. However lots of fake tetradrachms exist - which is something for Ernest Lang to bear in mind if he really goes in for them.

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THE PROGRAM AT OUR LAST MEETING consisted of a talk by Doc Ray Wilson on the U.S. nickel, illustrated by lantern slides. Both the talk and the pictures were very fine; for some time now Doc has experimented with the production of coin slides, and has had outstanding success.

Doc traced the entire history of the nickel, starting with wampum in early Colonial times, then through the

Pine Tree threepence and the half disme down to now. He gave many little known facts about the coinage, and tied many issues to contemporary events in U.S. history. We are grateful to Doc for giving us a very interesting program.

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Incidentally Doc has sold his Mexican collection (he couldn't get any more new specimens) and has started collecting Canada.

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Ain't it an insult or something to U.S. coin collectors when a man collects both countries bordering the U.S., but skips this one?

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Maybe Doc ain't patriotic. If so, we'd hardly blame him. In World War I Doc got patriotic via the Canadian Corps, and it took him several years to get back home.

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When Treasurer Paul Boltz gave his financial report, it made us uneasy to see a Confederate banknote sticking out of his pocket. Maybe he has our treasury filled with Confederate money.

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You never know what one of these bankers will do next. Perhaps if you float a loan at Paul's bank, you will get Confederate money.

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That is, of course, if he lets you have any kind of money at all.

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It wasn't even a genuine Confederate note that Paul had. It was a fac-simile with an advertisement on the reverse; Francis Jones picked up a bunch of them at the County Fair and passed them around at the meeting.

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However we understand that Francis won't take them back in payment of dues.

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Gene Johnston introduced George Worthington as a visitor - although George had become a member last April. Was Gene's face red?

THE "PRESIDENT EMERITUS" SPEAKS

By Doc Bruce Wallace

- you can overcome anything if you don't bellyache.
- those who trust to chance do not trust themselves
- those who bite off more than they can chew usually have a big mouth.
- inflation is when you have a radio you paid $10.00 for before the war, and it now costs you $15.00 to have it fixed.
- our good thought this month:

This life is filled with troubles and the errors that we make,
And one way or another we must pay for each mistake.
So let us take our punishment and do it with a smile,
And we will find that playing fair is so much more worth while.

Most of you know how the 1883 "no cents" Liberty nickel was gold plated and passed off as a $5 gold piece to the unwary, and have seen specimens. Irving Knickerbocker had one some months ago. Now Olav Berghli, who likes to collect freaks, showed us one very well faked, although the gilding was slightly worn. The reeded edge was unusually well done, making the coin more convincing. Irving's specimen had heavier plating, but a rough job of reeding.

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A new angle in the counterfeiting racket. We read that a Los Angeles gang has been passing bum checks to raise the money to pay for the equipment to start making phoney money in Santa Cruz.

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As they are willing to pay for their equipment, we suppose they might be described as "almost honest". Like describing a coin as "almost uncirculated".

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At last, a satisfied customer! Mattie Knickerbocker said that the July Bulletin was printed on paper of her favorite color.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Hotel Mayfair, Los Angeles, October 22-25 - Preparations are under way for this event, and it is expected to be one of the best conventions yet held. And they all are good. Those who are working to make it surpass past ones are, in various capacities:

GENERAL CHAIRMAN: George Bennett
ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN: John Yribarne
REGISTRATION: Robert McArthur
EXHIBITS: Robert Williams
BOURSE: Joe Block; Lloyd Nelson
AWARDS: John Ohls
AUCTION: Leo Young; Earl Parker
NUMISMATIC PROGRAM: "The Classical Collectors"
RECEPTION: Mrs. Grace Brainard; Mrs. Thelma Case
PUBLICITY: James Miladin
ENTERTAINMENT: Herb Bergen; Karl Brainard
LADIES' PARTY: Mrs. Grace Brainard; Mrs. Thelma Case; Mrs. Harry Davidson; Mrs. R. Fulks
SECURITY: Col. J. E. Whitney
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Rudy Gjurovich
GENERAL ASSIGNMENTS: William Fanning; Abel Samson; Max Wedertz; Jay Dare; Leland C. Lewis

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The security should be very secure, with not only that outstanding San Jose cop, Rudy Gjurovich as sergeant-at-arms, but also a Marine Corps Colonel, Col. Whitney, on the job.

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We ain't quite sure what is meant by "The Classical Collectors" taking on the numismatic program, unless it is going to be undertaken by the Los Angeles association of that name. As we have told you before, this association is formed of men interested not only in ancient coins, but in all kinds of ancient and medieval objects - Babylonian inscribed bricks, Greek and Roman glass, cameos, seals, and almost everything else that has come down through the ages.

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And now that we have got on to the subject of the Classical Collectors, here are the coming programs of

that society:

August 28 - George Bennett will speak on "The Emperor Trajan" at his home, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles.

September 18 - Dr. Chrest Lazaro will exhibit his collection of ancient gold and silver at the home of Dr. George Landegger, 2220 North Catalina St., Los Angeles.

October 16 - Charles E. McGinnis will speak on "Homer and the Trojan War" at his home, 224-1/2 South Catalina St., Los Angeles.

November 20 - Dr. Gleason Archer will speak at his home, 618 Hermosa St., South pasadena. Subject not yet announced.

At the July meeting Doc Charles Harbeck gave an interesting talk on the inflation of coinage in ancient Rome, illustrating it by a display of Roman coins showing the successive steps in debasement due to inflation. He also pointed out some dangerous parallels between ancient and modern inflation.

Earle Stanton, Bill Koonce, and Tom Ward showed additional Roman coins bearing on the subject. Clive Foss again made the trip from La Mesa to Los Angeles to attend.

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LITERARY REVIEW - An article about Doc Glenn Curtis in the "Calcoin News" says he went to Ecuador on a yaws control program. We first misread this as "yawn control", and thought we might apply Doc's skill to Sam Chamberlain.

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The "Calcoin News" also says that when Doc Curtis got to Ecuador, there was an earthquake. Now we always knew that Doc is likely to make a profound impression wherever he goes; but ain't an earthquake kind of going to extremes?

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You would hardly think it safe for the Orange County Coin Club to have Doc at a meeting.

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COINAGE DURING MAY, 1953

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	4,107.50		
Quarters	2,053.75		3,284,000.00
Dimes	481,821.50	651,000.00	1,782,700.00
Nickels	73,410.00	100,745.00	871,000.00
Cents	60,382.00	212,000.00	183,750.00
Cumulative, January to May, 1953 (pieces):			
Half dollars	1,090,536	1,938,000	15,808,400
Commemorative half dollars	8,003	8,003	8,003
Quarters	8,788,536	2,432,000	21,7[illegible],400
Dimes	18,496,536	8,050,000	85,[illegible],000
Nickels	4,796,500	8,782,900	26,076,000
Cents	28,886,500	90,200,000	215,335,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The Philadelphia mint also struck in May -
For Ethiopia: 32,944,000 bronze 5-cents and 9,474,000 bronze 25-cents.
For Cuba: 3,032,000 silver 25-centavos.
For Haiti: 3,000,000 nickel-silver 5-centimes and 1,500,000 nickel-silver 10-centimes.

S.D.N.S. members always forge ahead everywhere and in everything. The latest to distinguish himself is Wayne Higbee; Wayne left San Diego over two years ago to accept the position of Personnel Director for the City of Santa Monica, but he is still a paid up member. Now we read that he has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Regional Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada (quite a long title; sounds like one of Doc Wallace's) at the convention of this organization in Victoria, British Columbia. The next convention will be this fall in Los Angeles, and Wayne is on the entertainment committee of that.

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If the convention is at the same time as that of the C.S.N.A. he should include us. - 10 -

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Visitors always welcome.

1953 PROOF SETS are available and may be ordered from the United States Mint, Philadelphia 30, Penna. The cost is $2.10 per set. Remittance must accompany order, and no personal checks will be accepted; use postal money order, bank draft, cashier's check, etc.

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A NUMISMATIC APIARY? - In the "Circulated proofs" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland, we read a lot about bees. The club had a "coin bee" by Ed Fogler and Roy Hill; and there are articles about the bee coins of Ephesus, the king bee priest, and the honey bee priestesses. Sounds like a place where a feller might get himself stung.

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If the S.D.N.S. wants to go into the insect business like that, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow will gladly donate some of the wasps that infest his place.

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Which leads to the inquiry: why would any self-respecting wasp want to live in Skunk Hollow anyway?

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And now we will close with a final reminder that the next meeting will be on the SECOND monday of september; NOT the first, which is a holiday. Remember; September 14 at the Y.M.C.A.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 5 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

THE SECRETARY SAYS - What did you think about our auction? Do you have any comments or suggestions? We need more coins to sell and we could use more donations for the Junior Auction which will be held at 7:30 P.M. We need more displays too.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

FLOOD, Shirley J.	4540 - 52nd St., San Diego 5
JOHNSON, Paul W.	3512 Browning St., San Diego 6
FISCHER, Douglas	4191 - 40th St., San Diego 5

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THE PROGRAM AT OUR LAST MEETING was a talk by Tom Ward on the origin and development of the Roman Republican coinage, with an exhibit of all appropriate specimens from pre-coinage bronze, the first heavy cast coins and their reductions, the Romano-Campanian pieces, and the general coinage down to the time of Sulla.

Tom showed how the first heavy cast coins evolved directly from the rough bronze used prior to coinage; how these then were modified, always becoming smaller, under various financial, military, and social stresses. This coinage being useless for dealing with the Greeks who had long since had a well developed silver coinage, the Romano-Campanian series then became necessary.

Tom then went on to demonstrate the immense wealth of information on Republican denarii, and explained the meanings and connections of many of the designs and the purpose of various issues.

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The talk was followed by an auction of members' dup-

licates, this being conducted by Doc Bruce Wallace. Doc missed his vocation; he should have been an auctioneer.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING, in addition to Tom Ward's Romans:

Francis Jones: Type set of half dollars
Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; commemorative half dollars
Anna Panosh: Prussian and Spanish orders; the cup she was awarded at the A.N.A. convention
Francis Powell: Half dollars
Frenchy Vieneault: Mexican pesos; transportation tokens
Doc Bruce Wallace: Various U.S. and foreign coins

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As Francis Jones says above, "we need more displays". So bring some of your stuff to meetings to show the rest of us what you have.

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OUR LITERARY LIGHT - A couple of months ago we told you about Doc Ray Wilson winning one of the Heath Literary Awards; his diploma was presented to him at the meeting.

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Also the ribbons won by Jim Crouthamel, Tom Ward, Atwood MacDonald, Francis Jones, and Anna Panosh at the annual dinner were presented. These were so long in arriving that we almost forgot what they were for.

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Lew Panosh reported on the A.N.A. convention, and full details will appear later in the "Numismatist". It was a good convention. Lew said the three most striking exhibits were the Louis Eliasberg collection, the only known complete U.S. collection; the large series of paper money of the Philpot collection; and a practically complete Mexican collection shown by the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico.

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Our Mexican colleagues of that society were present in full force, having chartered a plane to carry the

delegation to Dallas. Also they shipped by plane enough Mexican orchids to supply one to each lady at the banquet. Unfortunately these were delayed by customs red tape, so they could not be presented until after the banquet was over.

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The Sociedad also presented the convention badges; they were of unusual design, part of which was a pair of clasped hands symbolizing the friendship between the United States and Mexico.

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Those Mexican collectors evidently are a bunch of live wires.

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As usual Anna Panosh won an award for her exhibit of decorations - the cup which she showed at our last meeting.

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In making his report, Lew Panosh almost forgot to mention that he was elected 1st Vice President of the A.N.A. Well, a man with so many jobs is likely to overlook one once in a while.

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If you have any groceries or other edibles to deliver, don't trust them to Anna Panosh. Unless you either have them insured, or make her post a bond. Courtney Coffing gave her a swell cake to be delivered to the Hermit of Skunk Hollow on her return. But instead of doing that, Anna and her pals devoured the Hermit's cake. Like a bunch of hungry cannibals or something.

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Anna said she did save one piece of cake for the Hermit; but he didn't get even that. She put it in one of those bags that restaurants supply to put dog scraps in, so perhaps she eventually will hand the Hermit a slightly used soup bone, and tell him that this is Courtney's donation.

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The whole thing sounds to us like some kind of a Communistic divvy-up proposition.

PROFIT-AND-LOSS DEPT. - In reading the minutes of the August meeting, Francis Jones read the financial report as our having $524.00. Treasurer Paul Boltz rose to correct this to $500.24. And that is the quickest we ever managed to lose $24.00.

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But shouldn't Paul make this $24.00 good from the money in his bank? If not, what's the use of having a banker for a treasurer?

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Sam Chamberlain and Doc Wallace served the lunch at our meeting.

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And it was served on a tablecloth which Francis Jones proudly pointed out as being his handiwork. These bachelors have to be handy with a needle, don't they?

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Having told you about Gene Johnston's new Mercury, we now are sorry to add that it was wrecked in a collision. It is insured and will be repaired; but meanwhile Gene is walking - which annoys him more than the actual collision.

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THE CONVAIR COIN CLUB announces, through Mrs. Fischer, that their meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, and we are invited to attend any or all meetings.

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Mrs. Fischer also asked Tom Ward to speak at a Convair meeting; you would think that, having heard him speak, she would know better.

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Maybe Louie Walrath will think we put a hex on him. After our remarks about bees and bee stings last month, Louie got badly stung by bees.

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Never a dull moment on the Walrath ranch. When Gail ain't getting spurred by peevish roosters, Louie is getting bee stung.

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Students of ancient history and mythology will be in-

terested to learn that Socrates and Hercules were jailed in Los Angeles. Socrates and Hercules Skinas were pinched as bookies.

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It must have taken a brave cop to tackle Hercules.

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BUNGLE DEPT. - Last month on page 11, paragraph 1, we wrote "bank deaft" for "bank draft". We guess we were thinking of bankers like Paul Boltz who so often are deaf when you ask for money.

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A NEW DEFINATION OF "UNCIRCULATED" has been discovered by Clive Foss. He was in Doc Bruce Wallace's office when a lady entered and showed a couple of worn-out beat-up Barber quarters. Clive told her that they were worthless, except as money. She was considerably disappointed, and then asked him if Indian cents were worth anything. Clive said he would pay her 2¢ each for the common dates, unless they were uncirculated. So then she said: "Aren't they all that way?" This kind of stumped Clive, so he asked what she meant. The lady answered: "Well, you never see them in circulation".

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Clive points out that this makes all 2¢, 3¢ pieces, half dimes, etc. automatically uncirculated, because they don't circulate now.

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This also throws some light (maybe) on that "almost uncirculated" condition that gripes us so much; granting that an occasional half dime might turn up in circulation, you could call half dimes "almost uncirculated".

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And Clive's new definition of "uncirculated" naturally makes all of our Roman coins uncirculated.

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We have nothing new to add to what we said last month about the C.S.N.A. convention, which will be at the Hotel Mayfair, 7th and Witmer Sts., Los Angeles, October 22-25.

COINAGE DURING JUNE, 1953

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	618,004.50	1,000.00	
Quarters	2,002.25		1,645,000.00
Dimes	290,800.90	974,000.00	
Nickels	320,000.00		17,400.00
Cents	174,030.00	157,000.00	397,700.00

Cumulative, January to June, 1953 (pieces):

Half dollars	2,326,545	1,940,000	15,808,400
Commemorative half dollars	8,003	8,003	8,003
Quarters	8,796,545	2,432,000	23,318,400
Dimes	21,404,545	17,790,000	85,233,000
Nickels	11,196,500	8,782,000	26,424,000
Cents	46,279,500	105,900,000	255,105,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.
The Philadelphia mint also struck in June - For Ethiopia: 15,414,000 bronze 25-cents.

THE SKUNK HUNTERS - While driving along a busy Los Angeles street, Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker saw a sidewalk peddler selling mechanical skunks that jumped along and waved their tails in a threatening manner. Well, that naturally reminded Irving and Mattie of the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, so they bought a skunk. And that was quite a job, because even a miracle man couldn't park a car on a Los Angeles street; Mattie had to jump out and make the purchase while Irving looped around the block.
At the next meeting they presented the skunk to the Hermit - just as if he wasn't surrounded by skunks already. Oh well; Skunk Hollow can always stand one more skunk.

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SQUARE DEAL DEPT - We didn't know why Clive Foss moved to La Mesa. But now we read that the City of La Mesa is going to give free instructions in square dancing. And after Clive masters that, maybe he will want to collect square coins.

If Low Ponosh took up square dancing, perhaps Doc Bruce Wallace would finally be able to see a sight he has long pined for: Low blowing square smoke rings.

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But as Doc is an expert optician, we don't see why he can't make a set of square spectacles so that Low's smoke rings would look square anyway.

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When we wrote about halls last month, we said that our out-of-town members wouldn't care much where we meet, and mentioned Col. Joe Moss as one of 'em. Now we have a letter from Col. Joe, and he says that ain't so. He says he wants S.D.N.S. meetings held in the finest hall available; some place that will be fitting for the dignity and importance of the club. And of course you all know we have no small opinion of our dignity and importance.

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Col. Joe further refers to himself as being no longer among the "big brass" and the "high and mighty". This makes no difference in our opinion of him. We have just as much regard for him as we always had; he was a very fine A.N.A. officer and worked hard - and successfully - for the organization's welfare and progress. We congratulate him on his two good years as president - and although he belittles himself, we know he will continue doing all he can for the A.N.A. and its members. We are proud to have him as a S.D.N.S. member.

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FINANCIAL SECTION - We wonder how the Korean truce will effect Walter Luttmer's investment in North Korean war bonds.

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Maybe the reason that the North Koreans agreed to a truce was that they were afraid of Walter. He might demand that his bonds be cashed, and so bust their government.

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Emil Johnson's exhibit at the Hobby Show came in for a lot of attention, and favorable newspaper mention.

The display consisted of a lot of his fine hand made silver tea pots and other utensils. They were made from silver coins which Emil beat into those various objects.

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As numismatists, maybe we should get an injunction or something against Emil to stop him from ruining coins this way. Suppose, for instance, that he has a denarius of Matidia or an 1804 dollar beat up in one of his tea pots. If we thought he had used a Matidia coin that way we would take the pot away from him and make him beat the coin back out of it.

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Which would be kind of like unscrambling an egg.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - Coming programs of this organization:

October 16 - Charles E. McGinnis will speak on Homer and the Trojan War at his home, 824-1/2 South Catalina St., Los Angeles.

November 20 - Dr. Gleason Archer will speak at his home, 617 Harnosa St., South Pasadena. Subject not yet announced.

At the August meeting, George Bennett gave a thorough discussion of the Emperor Trajan. This was under three heads: Trajan's career in general including the Dacian and Parthian Wars; his buildings and works of art; and his coins. Many coins of Trajan were shown, including specimens brought by Earle Stanton, Dr. Charles Harbeck, Dr. Gleason Archer, Dr. Rosenkranz, Clive Foss, and Tom Ward. In addition to the Trajan coins, Dr. Rosenkranz showed an unusual primitive Gorgon head coin of Olbia.

The September meeting was given to a display of coins of Dr. Ghrest Lazaro; they were in all metals, but mostly gold. The gold consisted chiefly of Roman, Byzantine, and medieval coins, with some Greek and Oriental; and what might be called a type set of modern gold. The coins all were unusually fine, being selected for condition. Most of them looked as if they had just left the mints. The full-face Byzantine

pieces, for instance, were perfect - although it is difficult to obtain specimens which do not show at least some slight wear on the high spots.

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It is curious that in selecting Trajan coins to show at the August meeting, Earl Stanton and Tom Ward both picked many of the same "picture reverse" sestertii (large bronzes), both including such pieces as the Danube Bridge, the Circus Maximus, the appointment of the Parthian King, etc.

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PHILOSOPHY AND NUMISMATICS - Schopenhauer says it ain't no use getting coins because you don't get any pleasure out of it anyway. Well, he doesn't say it in those exact words; but he does say that all pleasure exists in the anticipation of getting something, and when you obtain it you are satisfied and there is no more pleasure. So if you want a coin badly and finally get it, it no longer means anything to you.

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It works out like this in practice: Louie Walrath has just got an 1892 $20 gold proof that he has wanted ever since he was born. According to Schopenhauer he got a lot of pleasure in wanting it, but now that he has it, it is of no use to him and he might just as well throw it away.

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But when he does throw it away, we want to be standing where it lands. We'll take a chance on losing some pleasure.

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In the last couple of numbers of the "Circulated Proof" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland we read that its editor is uncertain of the mission or primary objective of his paper. Things like that don't worry us. We ain't got no mission or purpose, and we know it.

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Unless maybe it is to irritate our members. Perhaps that is the secret of such slight success as we have had, because George Bernard Shaw once said: "The

secret of success is to offend as many people as possible".

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DID YOU KNOW THAT -

- the Pine Tree Shilling was NOT issued to advertise Lew Panosh's lumber company?
- the dining room in Atwood MacDonald's hotel models pie slices on the way a "piece of eight" was cut into so many segments?
- Evelyn Johnson does not serve Emil his meals on Swedish plate money?

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$70,000 IN COINS STOLEN - Home of Collector Looted - San Bernardino, Aug 22 - Burglars who police said "knew what they were after" late last night looted the home of Herbert Feinberg, noted coin collector, of $70,000 worth of old and rare coins.
Included in the stolen money were a 1913 liberty head 5 cent piece estimated worth $12,000 as a collector's item, and pennies (sic) dated from 1820.
Entrance was gained by prying a rear window.
The coins were taken out of a wall case in a den at The Feinbergs' Marshall boulevard home.

- Los Angeles Herald-Express

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We have just learned that the police recovered most of Mr. Feinberg's coins, but do not have any details.

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This again demonstrates the absolute necessity of having your coins insured. During the past couple of years there have been a number of coin robberies in California, one of them resulting in a fatality, the death of Mr. Harold Budd.

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Now that the City Council has decided to have one-way streets in San Diego, this poses another problem for the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. When he comes to San Diego and finds all the traffic allowed to go only one way, how on earth is he going to get back home?

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Unless he drives backwards.

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Under the title "The Silent World Under the Sea" the Los Angeles Examiner is printing serially an account of the undersea explorations of Capt. J. Y. Cousteau and Frederic Dumas. One of their discoveries is a Roman ship supposed by Alfred Merlin, Director of Antiquities, Tunis, and Saloman Reinach to be one of Sulla's sunk about 80 B.C. The cargo seems to have consisted chiefly of marble columns and capitals, some of which have been brought to the surface. Various other objects have been recovered; part of an anchor, a millstone, etc., but no coins are mentioned. Still as the wreck appears fairly easy to reach with the equipment used by these divers, it is possible that some may be recovered eventually. If the ship is actually one of Sulla's this is quite likely, because he was an efficient looter.

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Now that the A.N.A. convention in Dallas is over, no doubt Courtney Coffing will start working on his firm to persuade them to transfer him to the next convention city.

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Which kind of brings us to the question: are we now prepared to invite a C.S.N.A. convention to San Diego? If so, maybe we should bring an offer to the C.S.N.A. convention in Los Angeles.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 2 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.
Nominations of officers for 1954

THE SECRETARY SAYS - The backbone of any coin meeting is the display of coins by the members. The purpose of the coin club is so that the members may show to each other what coins they do have. So please bring in your coins and make a display.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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THE PROGRAM AT OUR LAST MEETING was "The Economic Life of the American Indian", a talk given by Harry Bouchard.

Harry dealt chiefly with the economy of the California Indians, but also brought out some interesting and little known facts about Indians in general. He touched briefly on their relations with white men, and the injustices to which many of them had been subjected; much unjust treatment now has happily been removed by recent legislation.

Harry stated that it has been estimated that the white men owe more to the Indians than vice versa; it is to the Indian that we owe such common products as the potato, corn, tobacco, squash, etc., and a number of features of Indian life have been incorporated into our own customs.

The chief Indian currency was wampum, usually in belts, and Harry described the belts with their designs, explaining their symbolism and their uses. They were mainly used for religious and political purposes, such as the making of treaties, alliances, and similar matters. They were highly valued, and therefore passed readily in trade. One use was for the payment of "blood money" in atonement for a killing. Wampum was used mostly in the east, other "money" in other parts of the country. The economy of the plains

Indians was based on buffalo products.
The speaker described Indian industry, agriculture and commerce, and said the Indians were capable of a high degree of cooperation, some of the California tribes actually being formed on a communal base. The Indians of San Diego County used necklaces of fossil shells as money; also necklaces of modern shells. The latter were received in trade from tribes in the Santa Barbara area. These necklaces were in regular denominations, of constant length for any given value. Their value increased according to the distance from the point of origin.
Harry said that some of the northern tribes of this state had a well organized industrial system; they produced for sale or exchange such articles as canoes, household utensils, etc., as well as the above mentioned shell money. One of their gods was a money god. Still further north, legal tender consisted of copper discs engraved with rude designs, usually of an animal. In order to demonstrate his contempt for wealth and so increase his prestige, an Indian sometimes would publicly destroy these copper discs. But subsequently the fragments would be collected and the discs repaired.
In illustration of his talk, Harry showed Indian relics which he had personally gathered in the field. It was a very interesting talk, and we thank Harry for giving it.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Lew Ramosh: Medals of the Society of Medallists
Frenchy Vignault: Large and small cents; tax tokens
Tom Ward: Coins of the Roman Emperor Marius

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The coins of Marius shown by Tom Ward were of a Roman Emperor who ruled for only three days. He was one of the rebel Emperors in Gaul (France) during a period when the Empire seemed to be breaking up, and rebels proclaimed themselves Emperors in various provinces. Marius was one of these; in 268 he was made Emperor,

and murdered three days later.

While his coins are scarce, a remarkable number of them exist for such a short reign. To account for this some numismatists believe that the ancient records are faulty and that Marius actually ruled a little longer. Another theory is that the coins were prepared in advance, in anticipation of his attaining power. A third and probably more likely idea is that the mint did not learn of the death of Marius until a considerable number of his coins had been struck.

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The above list of displays is pretty short again; we second the appeal of Secretary Francis Jones for more exhibits. You ain't ashamed to show your coins, are you?

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A NEW MEMBER TO WELCOME THIS MONTH:

GORDON, Lyle L. 8754 Fridell Drive, San Diego

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EARLY BIRDS - Lew Panosh told John Yriberne that he and Anna would call at John's home at 9:00 A.M. John couldn't believe that anyone would make a social call that early in the day - so the Panoshes moved in on the Yribernes for breakfast.

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And Anna Panosh must have left the Yriberne home in an awful hurry; when she got back to San Diego she had to phone John to send down her shoes which she left there.

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Anna seems to have been as careless with her shoes as she was with Courtney Coffing's cake.

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No one would be surprised to see the Hermit of Skunk Hollow going around without shoes; but we wouldn't expect it of Anna.

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NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1954 will be made at our November 2 meeting. President Frenchy Vigneault has named Irving Knickerbocker, Ernest Long, and Eugene Cooper as nomination committee. They will name the

members they consider both able and willing to accept offices; however their selections are not final or binding and you may nominate any additional candidate you choose.

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Now that nominations and elections of officers are coming up again, do you want a new editor for this here Bulletin? The present one has no objection to continue blundering on; but sometimes we think that maybe this is getting to be too much of a one-man publication. And when one man goes on year after year he may be getting stale without realizing it; it is hard to judge the quality of one's own work, and so we might think it is all right when it really is declining. So we won't be at all annoyed or offended if you kick us out and give the job to some one else.

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Maybe the word "declining" above is unappropriate. With the Bulletin so awful right from the start, it hardly had any place to decline to.

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Our last meeting ended with an auction; Gene Johnston did the auctioneering, with Olive Foss as his helper.

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Gene worked awfully hard at the job, too; but it would have been a cinch if all his bidders were like John Yribarne. John bid without knowing what he was bidding on.

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Paul Bolts took charge of the kitchen - which is kind of an undignified job for a banker.

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The Wallaces and Chamberlains were missing at the meeting, they being in Arizona on a vacation.

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At least, they are supposed to be in Arizona. But when Doc starts out there is no telling where he is going to land; we have even known him to end up in Cuba.

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Mary Bowler was missing, too. We don't know why, but

it couldn't have been because she had visitors at her house. Whenever that happens to Mary on meeting nights she drags the visitors along to the meetings.

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Have you placed your order yet for the 1973 set of Booker T. Washington half dollars?

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Yes, we know they ain't out yet; but the mint will still be turning them out in 1973. And maybe later.

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It's kind of funny; when Col. Joe Moss was trying to promote a Pine Tree shilling commemorative he ran into all kinds of objections, but the mint doesn't mind turning out the same commemorative year after year. You can hardly call the Booker T. Washington a commemorative any more; it's a regular issue. That is, if it is to be considered a coin at all.

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Last month we suggested that Louie Walrath throw away his new 1893 $20 gold proof. Now we have a new idea from Harry Bouchard's description of how the Indians broke up their copper money to demonstrate their wealth. Louie could bust up the coin to show his contempt for valuables.

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We don't know how much such an action would increase Louie's prestige; but it might lead his friends to confine him in a room with pillows on the walls.

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LEGAL DEPT. - Doc Ray Wilson's son, Stu, is now in the process of taking his bar examination. We don't mean he is preparing to be a barkeeper; we mean he is preparing to be a lawyer.

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So now if you get a parking ticket, you can turn it over to Doc so his son can argue with the judge for you?

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Which reminds us: we ain't seen Al Eddy since he got stuck on a jury. Maybe he got locked up.

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COINAGE DURING JULY, 1953

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	187,854.50		
Quarters	2,427.25	1,370.000.00	1,507,000.00
Dimes	752,970.00		
Nickels	373,485.00		
Cents	204,847.00	131,000.00	772,900.00
Cumulative, January to July, 1953 (pieces):			
Half dollars	2,702,254	1,940,000	15,808,400
Commemorative half dollars	8,003	8,003	8,003
Quarters	8,806,244	7,912,000	34,346,400
Dimes	28,934,254	17,790,000	85,533,000
Nickels	18,666,000	8,782,900	26,424,000
Cents	66,774,000	119,000,000	332,395,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

Tom Ward will speak on "Roman Coins and Roman History" at the Convair Coin Club, Bertha Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego on December 1. He has also been invited to speak at the California State Numismatic Association convention, Los Angeles, October 22-25.

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We extend our sympathy to both organizations.

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Speaking of the C.S.N.A. convention, we don't know if this bulletin can reach you before the convention opens, but if it does, we want to make this a final reminder to you not to miss it. It will be at the Hotel Mayfair, 7th and Witmer Sts., Los Angeles. The collectors in that area are going to try to make it the best convention yet held. We know we will see a lot of you there - and we hope we'll see you all.

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We are sorry to learn that Bill Smith of the Eureka Coin Shop, San Francisco was injured in an automobile accident. We have no details but understand that he is getting along well - and we hope so.

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OUR OVERSEAS SECTION - When we reported our discussion about meeting places a couple of months ago, we said that our out-of-town members wouldn't be much interested in the problem. Well, it seems we were about as wrong as a fellow can get. First Col. Joe Moss wrote from Philadelphia expressing his views, and now our English member, Spink and Son of London have written expressing theirs.

Secretary Francis Jones has received a letter from Donald Crowther of that firm with his suggestions regarding a meeting place. To help us out, Donald offers us a very fine meeting place at a low rental, situated on the ground floor, and with plenty of parking space. The only slight drawback is that this attractive location is in London. While the club appreciates Donald's offer, it has been decided to pass it up for the time being - until jet planes develop enough speed to let us reach England and return the same night. Still, we may thus be making an error in judgement; as after spending the time sometimes necessary to find a parking space, we feel that we could travel to London in less time.

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The meeting hall offered by Donald Crowther is the one used by the Royal Numismatic Society. Suppose we used it, and then some members of the Royal walked in just as Lew Pinsch committed one of his practical jokes. Wouldn't that cause an international scandal?

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Our English friends seem to have two of the main problems we have had to contend with; the lack of display space, and inadequate lighting.

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Spink and Son also extend a cordial invitation to any of us who visit England to visit them - and if any of us do make such a trip, we certainly will include Spink's.

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AUTOMOTIVE NEWS - Gene Johnston is back on wheels again; his wrecked car has been repaired.

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THE HERBERT FLINTHROP COIN ROBBERY - Just as we printed last month's Bulletin we learned of the arrest of suspects in that robbery, and here are some of the details from the San Diego Tribune and the Los Angeles Times.

After an intensive search for the thieves by the police of San Bernardino, San Diego, and Los Angeles Counties, the Los Angeles robbery squad under Capt. Jack Donahoe arrested seven suspects in that city. They still had $3500 worth of the coins in their possession. Deputy Police Chief Thad Brown of Los Angeles states that two more suspects and the remainder of the coins are still being hunted.

The leader of the gang is named as Harold Berthiaume alias Harold Barton 52, 443 S. Hartford St., an ex-convict with a record of several arrests: the others jailed are Martin T. Kschman 27, 6376 Yucca St.; William J. Melhorn 24 and Nancy Melhorn 17, 527 S. Parkview Ave.; Edward Beauregard alias Norman Plympton 30, 8401 W. 6th St.; Thomas Reynolds 24, 334 S. Westlake Ave.; and Charles L. Sample 47, 7508 Santa Monica Blvd. All addresses are in Los Angeles.

Evidently the coins were stolen as money, and not collectors' items. It is stated that the gang passed some of the coins in trade, and to eliminate the "newness" of the money which might arouse suspicion, they heated some of the coins and soaked others in bleaching compound.

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A little over a year ago Harold Berthiaume sold some altered date coins to San Diego collectors. We mentioned this in the Bulletin of August 1952, but refrained from giving any name as we thought the coins might have been bought and sold by him in good faith.

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With two exceptions, all of the addresses of the robbery suspects are around where the Hermit of Skunk Hollow used to live in Los Angeles before World War II (616 South Burlington Ave.). Ain't it lucky for him that he don't live there no more?

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COUNTERFEITING THAT AIN'T COUNTERFEITING (MAYBE) - The British government is trying to suppress the counterfeiting of gold sovereigns in other countries, and on September 27 a party of British Treasury lawyers left for Trieste to take appropriate court action.

Sovereigns being in demand and few available, European artisans have been making them. The counterfeits have the same amount of gold in them as genuine coins; the official value of the coin is about $8, but it brings up to $24 in many places, particularly where gold is restricted.

Previous efforts of the British to stop this practice have failed, because the Italian and Swiss courts have ruled that sovereigns are no longer money, but merely merchandise - and therefore their manufacture is not counterfeiting.

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Perhaps the British could make a stronger case if they struck a few genuine sovereigns. From what we read in British numismatic journals, letters to the editors of daily papers, etc. it seems that many British collectors wanted their mint to strike commemorative gold for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, but were turned down by the authorities

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Gene Johnston got hold of a small lot of Roman coins of better quality than those usually offered. The Hermit of Skunk Hollow got at them first, and bought some nice specimens including a nice second bronze of Vitellius and an excellent first bronze of Vespasian (Cohen 479) - with the reverse of the Emperor facing a Jew and Jewess in front of a palm tree, but without IVDEA CAPTA.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting of this organization will be at the home of Dr. Gleason Archer, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena. The subject has not yet been announced but may be learned from Earle K. Stanton, 1102 California State Bldg., Los Angeles 12.

"TRY NUMISMATICS FOR WHAT AILS YOU" - or - "IF YOU THINK YOU GOT TROUBLES NOW, JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU START COLLECTING COINS"

If you feel bad, and if you feel blue
Try coin collecting for what ails you.
No matter what may make you feel sad,
Numismatics won't be quite that bad.
If you find trouble paying rent,
Start collecting the humble cent.
If you get nervous at yells and hollers,
Start yourself a series of dollars.
If your business is shaky and slow,
Start collecting foreign dough.
If your affairs all go funny,
Sooth yourself with foreign money.
Maybe you can't afford a car,
But you can afford coins struck by Akbar;
Perhaps your house needs a new roof -
Forget it; buy yourself a proof.
Get your mind off haunting needs
By collecting coins struck by Swedes;
That is Emil Johnson's plan,
And ain't he a contented man?
Lew Panosh sleeps well at nights,
By collecting coins of Malta Knights.
If the bank grabs Tom Ward's home
He will still have coins of Rome.
Frank Jones may have to wear patched pants;
What of it? He's got medals from France.
Irving Knickerbocker never will grow old
As long as he can hoard his gold
If examining eyes makes Doc Wallace tired,
Then his Chinese coins can be admired.
When he gets worried, Frenchy Vigneault
Ignores it while handling Confederate dough.

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Now that the banks close all day Saturdays, this should give Paul Boltz more time to work on S.D.N.S. books.

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LITERARY REVIEW - In the sketch on Roy Hill, the Flying Finn in the "Walcoin News", it says he joined the A.N.A. in 1934 and the A.N.A. in 1946. Ain't it just like Roy to do a thing twice to make sure of it? The article also points out that Roy is a bachelor. This is a decided advantage to a numismatist, because then there is no one to say "What's the idea of spending twenty bucks on that old coin when you know I need a new hat?".

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Unless you have a wife who is also a collector - like Lew Ponosh, Jim Crouthamel, and Atwood MacDonald; and then you have another complication. When you buy a coin for yourself, you also have to buy one for the missus. Which is a double expense.

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From the "Circulated proof" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland:
"If you can't see the bright side of a thing, then polish the dull side".

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That seems like instructions for making a Boltz proof.

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And now we come to the part of the Bulletin which you have been eagerly awaiting - -

THE END

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 7 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. Election of officers for 1954, followed by our annual Christmas Party.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - The association is to be congratulated on another good convention, as indeed they all are. At the one just held in Los Angeles, the registration was 203. This does not include casual visitors, nor does it include a number of people who bought banquet tickets but did not register for the other events. There were more exhibitors than usual; in fact all the cases were filled, including some extra ones belonging to Mike Carey. We could have used more cases; Robert Williams withdrew his display and Tom Ward cut his down to two cases, in order to make more cases available.

We were pleased to see many new exhibitors entered. Many of us make displays at all conventions; but this time there were numerous new names. Some of these were new collectors too; for example William and Esther Spence have been collecting for less than six months and won the Novice Award with a display good enough to have competed with senior collectors. Several new series appeared on display, as the Parthians of Harold McBride. We do not recall Parthians at any previous convention. Another new idea was the display of Earl Brown which showed an immense variety of coin styles and materials.

Two exhibits were particularly striking: the large flag made of coins set in red, white, and blue plastic entered by Mr. Hilton, and the wrought iron stand holding coin frames entered by Fred Zastrow. The latter was a masterpiece of skilled ironworking.

George Bennett, the General Chairman, and his committee deserve our thanks for all the work they did -

they have the satisfaction of knowing that it was justified by the results. They did a good job.

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There was one odd thing: while there were numerous casual visitors, they were by no means in the volume we expected. With the convention held in a large population center, we had feared that the exhibit room would be too crowded. This was not the case; evidently the general public did not get enough advance information.

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The convention got off to a late start. It was set to begin a day earlier than usual, but due to a misunderstanding about dates, the hotel failed to have our display, auction, and tourse rooms ready.

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Which led Roy Hill to remark that the C.S.N.A. is the only organization capable of holding a 4-day convention in 3 days.

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But Thelma Dase said it was that the arrangements got lost in that notorious Los Angeles smog.

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The next convention will be April 22-24, 1954 at the Hotel Bellvue, Geary and Taylor Sts., San Francisco. The following one will be October 20-24, 1954 at the Mission Inn, Riverside.
Salinas has asked for the first one in 1955, and this will be taken under consideration by the board of governors.
Oakland and San Diego both are ready to take on a convention whenever we want to repeat in one or both of those cities.

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At the convention Lew Pinosh registered as No. 57, the pickle number.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow almost was late starting for Los Angeles. He couldn't find his shoes.

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He could have borrowed Earl Parker's. Earl took 'em off during the auction.- 2 -

CONVENTION EXHIBITS

FRASER, Vreeland H.: Proofs, including sets, 2¢ and 3¢ pieces, shield and Liberty nickels, 1856 Flying Eagle cent, etc. (AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

GRANT, Joseph S.: Gold types; 220 gold pieces including St.Gaudens types 4, 5, and 6; a Stella; Hawaiian coins including proofs and patterns (AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

McBRIDE, Harold W.: Parthian coins, well written up, with map showing the Parthian Kingdom at different periods (AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

CARTY, Michael F: Series of Roman Imperial bronze portrait coins (AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

HARNEK, Dr. Charles: "Coins of the Middle Ages" - from 500 to 1453, chiefly European silver but including some Moslem pieces (AWARD FOR MEDIEVAL COINS)

WERLING, Erich: Russian coins of Catherine the Great; coins of the Thirty Years War of 1618 to 1648 including many siege pieces and other necessity money (AWARD FOR POST-MEDIEVAL COINS)

BROWN, Earl C.: Examples of all coin materials, sizes and shapes of coins - large, small, thick, thin, square, oval, octagonal, scalloped, in segments, slices, etc.; recent sets of numerous countries; coins and medals of Queen Elizabeth II (AWARD FOR COINS OF MULTIPLE COUNTRIES)

STRAUSS, Milton C.: Coins of Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, and Belgian Congo; large series of Netherlands siege pieces (AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED SERIES)

HILL, Roy: Coins and tokens of Greenland; Finnish paper money (AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED SERIES)

KOONCE, William D.: "Orders of Chivalry" - breast badges of many foreign orders; foreign medals; a highly ornamented German sword (AWARD FOR MEDALS AND DECORATIONS)

[illegible] C.: Proof sets; Lincoln cents (JUNIOR AWARD)

SPENCE, William H. and Mrs. Esther G.: Proof sets; some scarcer late U.S. coins such as the 1914-D cent, 1932-D quarter, etc.; Lincoln cents; freak cents (NOVICE AWARD)

BENNETT, George: Mining documents of the Comstock Lode, as mine maps, certificates, ore receipts, checks, etc.

BUSSE, Ed Jr.: Indian and Lincoln cents; buffalo nickels

CASE, Mrs. Thelma: All U.S. coins and $1 and $2 bills of 1917

CRAIG, Alan D.: Korean bronze coins, including an intact roll; Korean and Japanese patterns

DAVIDSON, Harry: U.S. gold types complete

FISHER, William F.: Flying Eagle cents

FROST, H. J.: Gold type set; $2½ gold pieces; Trade and Morgan dollars

GAMS, Edward: "Coins of the Hellenistic World" - silver portrait coins of Alexander the Great and his successors

GARRITSCH, Oliver: Gold type set; U.S. and British proofs; Spanish silver

HILTON, H. R.: Various U.S. coins set in red, white, and blue plastic and arranged in the form of a U.S. flag 30 inches by 50 inches

JONES, Francis S.: Type sets of dollars, half dollars, and dimes

McCORMAC, Mrs. May: Small sized gold and silver coins

McCORMAC, Scott: 1886 proof set; a Chinese gold bar

MacDONALD, Atwood: The coins recovered from the cornerstone of the Children's Hospital, San Diego, and which are mentioned elsewhere in this issue

O'DONNELL, W. R.: Mexican gold 50-peso pieces, 1921-1947

PANOSH, Mrs. Anna Merle: Foreign orders and decorations

PATTERSON, C. A.: Gold type set

PRESTON, F. P.: Crowns; silver certificates

SANDERS, Newton: U.S. patterns

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB: Greek bronzes and silver; Roman Aes Grave (early cast bronze coins); Roman Imperial portrait bronzes and denarii (silver)

VIGNEAULT, Arthur J.: Commemorative half dollars

WALLACE, Dr. Bruce L.: Greek and Roman silver and bronze, chiefly Roman Imperial

WARD, Thomas W.: Coins of the last years of the Roman Republic

WEDEN, Paul Jr.: Lincoln cents

ZASTROW, Fred W.: A large, beautifully wrought iron stand, holding many reversible frames of coins

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A word regarding the San Gabriel Valley Coin Club: Paul Weden, Jr., F. P. Preston, C. A. Patterson, William F. Fisher, Newton Sanders, W. R. O'Donnell, and Scott and Mrs. May McCormac all are members of this club and want their displays to be considered as forming a club exhibit, in addition to the club's other display of ancient coins.

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As is always the case, the above list is only the bare outline of what was shown; it is impossible to list all exhibits in detail, and many fine pieces were shown besides those mentioned above.

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THE NUMISMATIC FORUM SPEAKERS were:

Earle Stanton on "Cleopatra was not a siren". He endeavored to dispell the usual misconceptions about Cleopatra VII, pointing out that she actually was a queen of considerable ability, whose object was the preservation of Egyptian independence; and who almost succeeded, with Marc Antony's help, in setting up a vast new Eastern Empire in opposition to Rome.

Dr. Alfredo Pradeau on "The Four Empires of Mexico", beginning with that of the Aztecs and ending with that of Maximillian. He traced the origin of the Aztecs and described their civilization and especially their coinage. Aztec "coins", the doctor said, are not nearly so rare as is generally thought; they are

found in large quantities, and at one time an immense amount of them were melted to cast cannon.
Tom Ward on "The Coins of the Late Roman Republic". This dealt with the last century of that Republic when it was collapsing and the collapse was reflected in the coinage of the time, especially by the issues of the various political factions.
Bryan Burke, Jr. on "Early Coin Collectors". He named and told something of the earliest known collectors such as Petrarch, several Holy Roman Emperors, Popes and bishops, King Charles I of England, etc. He also told how the first Rothschild started his financial career through his collecting of coins.
Earle Stanton showed numerous coins of Cleopatra VII and her associates; Dr. Pradeau showed many Mexican pieces, including those of the Aztecs. Tom Ward referred the audience to his display in the exhibit room. All of the speakers invited and answered questions.

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Major Charlie Kappen, editor of the "Calcoin News", plans to print the talks in full in that magazine later on.

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That is, he will print those of Earle Stanton and Dr. Pradeau, who prepared manuscripts. But Bryan Burke spoke from very brief notes and Tom Ward made up his talk as he went along. So unless Charlie took shorthand transcripts of these two speeches, we guess he is out of luck.

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Despite the length of time we have known Dr. Pradeau, it was not until the evening of the forum that we learned he was a revolutionary soldier in 1913 during the Mexican civil wars.

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The displays were in the hotel's "Vanity Fair Room". Is that supposed to describe numismatists?

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The monotonous and confining job of registration was undertaken by Job McArthur, Thelma Case, and Grace

Brainard. Thanks, Bob and gals.

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There now are 17 coin clubs in California, and the convention brought members of all of them excepting one. But the San Diego delegation was there in force. Here is is:

Edward G. Memel	Eugene D. Johnston
Louis G. Walrath	Mrs. Marie Devlin
Mrs. Gail Walrath	Leonel C. Panosh
Harry Bouchard	Mrs. Anna Merle Panosh
Eugene Cooper	Irving Knickerbocker
Atwood MacDonald	Mrs. Mattie Knickerbocker
Mrs. Minnie MacDonald	Dr. Bruce L. Wallace
Arthur J. Vigneault	Mrs. Elise Wallace
Francis S. Jones	Sam Chamberlain
Emil Johnson	Mrs. Sam Chamberlain
Mrs. Evelyn Johnson	Clive Foss
Frank Hernandez	Dr. Ray Wilson
Mrs. Frank Hernandez	Thomas W. Ward
George VanHogan	

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The above is just the San Diego County bunch; in addition we had the following members from other parts of the state:

Karl M. Brainard	Mrs. Thelma Case
Harry S. Davidson	Dr. Calvert L. Emmons
Ed Fogler	Dr. William E. Fountain
Kenneth Lee	Roy Hill
Abe Kosoff	Earl A. Parker
Christian M. Petersen	John C. Yribarne
Sam Kabealo	

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If we overlooked anyone, we apologize in advance. In any case, we claim that the S.D.N.S. contributed the largest attendance of any coin club.

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However we were a little disappointed that our new member, Spink and Son of London, wasn't there. We hope that the absence of this member doesn't indicate any loss of interest in coins.

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Spink's shouldn't be tired of coins already. After all, they have been handling them only since 1772.

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So maybe they should have put on a display in the Novice Class.

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Then too, we missed that regular conventioneer, Ruby Lee. We are sorry to say this was because Ruby had a recent operation; however we are pleased to learn that she is recovering rapidly.

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We were glad to see Bill Smith of the Eureka Coin Shop, San Francisco at the convention. He is getting along very well sinch having that serious automobile accident; however he still has to walk with both a crutch and a cane. But he tells us that he is improving all the time, and we all hope he will soon be entirely recovered.

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WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED MAN WON'T WEAR - We wish we were so rich that we could have coins all over our clothes - like on Earl Parker's shirt and Roy Hill's necktie.

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"GOLD IS WHERE YOU FIND IT" - Then too, Hattie Knickerbocker made a vulgar display of wealth. Her dress was all speckled with tiny bits of gold.

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Hattie must handle coins pretty rough, to knock off all those tiny gold chips on to her dress.

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THE "PARLOR PINK" - Don't anybody let Senator McCarthy know that Frank Galvin wears pink shirts.

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And it also looked pretty Communistic to see Minnie MacDonald and Francis Jones eating out of the same dish.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow arrived before his room was ready; it was all torn up as the previous occupant had left it. The Hermit figured that maybe he could

sleep on the floor, and so have a legitimate reason for refusing to pay his hotel bill.

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There were even some abandoned clothes left in the bath room. Unfortunately the maid took them away before the Hermit could try 'em on for size.

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Major Charlie Kappen and Alan Craig had their heads together discussing Chinese coins, and had a lot of pencil drawings and rubbings of odd-shaped pieces laid out. If they want some of those coins, here's a suggestion. As long as they have the plans, all they have to do is to turn them over to that expert coppersmith, Emil Johnson, who can easily make them.

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But they will have to give Emil the plans before next March. Because at that time Emil and Evelyn are going to make a trip to Sweden and expect to be away for about four months. Emil says they may include visits to England, Belgium, Switzerland, and Italy on the return trip, but he has not yet definitely made up his mind on that phase.

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We have more stuff to tell you about the convention, but it looks like we won't have enough room this time. Otherwise we would have to squeeze out all the S.D.N.S. news. So we hereby start on the S.D.N.S. with -

THE SECRETARY SAYS - We had over ten different displays at our last meeting. In fact we almost ran out of tables. Don't you think that they improve our meetings? We need more coins for our auctions. Bring in your duplicates and turn them into cash. 1954 dues are due in January.

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary

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The entertainment at our last meeting consisted of a talk and demonstration of 3-dimension movies by Dr. Harris, this being given from an optical point of view. The talk and pictures demonstrated how these movies are made, and explained the scientific principles.

The nominations for officers were not made; our by-laws were disinterred and we discovered that we are supposed to nominate in December. So both nominations and elections will take place at the December 7 meeting.

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Following that, we will have our annual Christmas party. So please bring some small gift to be distributed; something costing not over $1.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Paul Boltz: Medals
Alfred Chalfant: S.D.N.S. initials done in Roosevelt dimes; U.S. type set; Lincoln cents
Douglas Fischer: Large and small cents
Gene Johnston: Roman sestertii (large bronzes); Irish sets; Barber dimes; dollars, including many scarce early ones
Francis Jones: Irish set; 1794 cent and other coins obtained at the convention
Ricky Kaufman: Dimes; Lincoln cents
Atwood MacDonald: Coins from the cornerstone of the Children's Hospital
Franchy Vigneault: Nickels
Joe Bruce Wallace: French medals; lodge badges
Tom Ward: Counterstamped Roman coins

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

KAUFMAN, Sid 3016 Vancouver St., San Diego
KAUFMAN, Ricky 3016 Vancouver St., San Diego

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The convention was reported on by various members; Anna Panosh told of the entertainment provided for the ladies. Gene Johnston said the highlight of the convention for him was seeing a 1914-D dime fetch $57 at the auction. Atwood MacDonald praised the hotel service and the food - and as Atwood is a hotel owner himself, you can see this is the opinion of an expert. It must be real praise.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce these coming programs:
December 18 - G. L. Halliday on "Biblical Coins", with colored pictures in illustration, at the First Presbyterian Church, Gower and Yucca Sts., Los Angeles.
January 15 - Earle W. Stanton on "Kings of Macedonia" at his home, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles.
At the November meeting Dr. Gleason Archer gave a very interesting lecture on "Ancient and Modern Jewish Coins" He discussed the designs on modern Israeli coins and traced them back to the original coins of the Jewish kings and Roman procurators. He found at least 24 prototypes, and he explained these in detail, telling their religious, political, social, and economic significance. All of this was illustrated with coins from his own collection.
Bill Koonce exhibited ancient Syrian coins and orders having a Palestinian connection, as originating in the Crusades, etc. Earle Stanton exhibited Babylonian seals.

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On December 1 Tom Ward will speak on Roman coins at the Convair Coin Club, Dertlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego.

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Next month we'll give you the stuff that got squashed out this time. We know you can hardly wait.

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G'bye.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 4 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BANQUET: Saturday, January 9 at Manor Hotel, 3223 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, Calif.

THE SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

WISHES YOU ALL

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE SECRETARY SAYS -

May I extend to all of you a Happy New Year?

Thank you for the privilege of serving you as your secretary for the past year and for the coming new year.

Your 1954 dues are due. Some do, some never do, how do you do?

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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NEW OFFICERS FOR 1954:

PRESIDENT: Arthur J. Vigneault
VICE PRESIDENT: James J. Anderson
SECRETARY: Francis S. Jones
TREASURER: Paul Boltz
[illegible]: [illegible] Cooper
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Clive Foss
LIBRARIAN-CURATOR: Atwood L. MacDonald
EDITOR-HISTORIAN: Thomas W. Ward
HONORARY EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE: Spink and Son, Ltd.

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In addition to being Junior Vice President, Clive Foss will continue as Assistant Librarian.

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The idea of electing a florist, Jim Anderson, as Vice President is to make certain we always have an ample supply of flowers for our dinners, etc.

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We have given up all hope of getting orchids from Doc Bruce Wallace - although we sure gave him broad enough hints.

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While we didn't consult Spink and Son, Ltd. before electing them as Honorary European Representative, we guess they won't mind. Anyway, we want to keep 'em interested in numismatics.

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Doc Bruce Wallace took charge of the meeting for the elections. He said that after all the intensive campaign the officers made to get themselves re-elected

to get their big salaries for another year, it would not be ethical for them to be in charge.

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THEM-IS-HARSH-WORDS DEPT. - Lew Panosh said we almost had to re-elect most of the officers, because during his first year an officer wasn't much good anyway; and it took a second year to get any real work out of 'em.

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Anyway, Doc Wallace ran the elections so fast that he was accused of railroading them; Louie Walrath said that all Doc needed was a railroad engineer's uniform.

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The next item on the program was a fine talk by Ernest Lang on "The Coinage of Zapata". Ernest said that there was an extensive coinage of Zapata and his generals, ranging in quality from very finely executed to very rude and primitive pieces. He gave a brief outline of Mexican history leading to the career of Zapata and then discussed that career. Ernest said that Zapata was one of the most ruthless and destructive of all the revolutionaries, his depredations throwing much of southern Mexico back to the jungle. He sought to wipe out all Spanish institutions and culture, to return the country to the Indians. He also was a merciless killer - and in fact his character and history were far different from those shown in the recent motion picture, "Viva Zapata". In illustration of his talk, Ernest showed interesting specimens of the Revolutionary coinage of Zapata, Carranza, and Villa.

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Following Ernest's talk, we had a nice little Christmas party. Frenchy Vigneault acted as Santa Claus - complete with whiskers. We all exchanged small gifts.

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Appropriately enough, Lew Panosh got a cigar. It was about a foot long and an inch and a half thick. Lew smoked it too (he will smoke anything), although he had to almost dislocate his jaw to get his face around the thing.

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Our next meeting will be our 200th; shouldn't this

landmark in our history deserve some kind of celebration?

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER will be Saturday, January 9 at the Manor Hotel, 2823 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego. It is too early to give you full information on the program which Doc Wallace is arranging, but it will be much along the lines of previous ones - a good dinner, good entertainment, nice coin and medal displays (so bring yours to help make 'em nice), etc. The cost will be $3. Please make your reservations at the earliest possible moment; this is important.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING, in addition to Ernest Lang's Mexican Revolutionary specimens:

Irving Knickerbocker: Proof sets
Atwood Macdonald: Queen Elizabeth II Coronation set; transportation tokens
Franchy Vignault: Hawaiian and Chinese silver; German notgeld in metal; 2¢ pieces
Tom Ward: Imitation Roman coins made by Italian medallists of the Renaissance

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A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

BOWERS, Dr. Nathan A. 184 Tuscaloosa Ave., Atherton

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Doc Bowers, as you all probably know, is the present President of the California State Numismatic Association.

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Which makes this an appropriate place to remind you of the next C.S.N.A. convention, April 22-25, 1954 at the Hotel Bellevue, Geary and Taylor Sts., San Francisco.

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At the Convair Coin Club, Tom Ward spoke on "Early Roman Coins". Being the kind of speaker he is, he thought it well to bring along Charlie Leuschner as a bodyguard.

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However, there were so many other S.D.N.S. people pres-

ent that it almost looked like a S.D.N.S. meeting. As if the S.D.N.S. now has two meetings each month: one at the Y.M.C.A. and one at Dartlee Hall.

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Tom wasn't at all sure if all this delegation was for a rooting section or a heckling section.

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In answer to a question, Tom described a coin of 27 B.C. and said it was a very late coin, much later than the coins he exhibited and discussed. Some of the audience seemed to think that "very late" was hardly the correct term to apply to a coin that old.

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With about 20 of our members at a Convair meeting, it hardly seems necessary to remind you that the Convair Coin Club holds its meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at Dartlee Hall, and they welcome visitors. It looks like most of you know it.

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And can't you remember the time when we didn't have 20 present even at a S.D.N.S. meeting?

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Of course Convair's welcome to visitors works both ways; their members always are welcome at our meetings too.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting of this organization will be January 15. Earle Stanton will speak on "Kings of Macedonia" at his home, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles.

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OUR USUAL BUNGLES - Last month's Bulletin had its usual quota of blunders, mis-spellings, grammar gaucheries, etc. Well, both of our readers may remember that when we started this blame thing six years ago we said we'd make a lot of mistakes if we kept it up. So we're only keeping our promise.

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For instance, Al Chalfant points out that we listed his display with no mention that it spelled out the name of the club in full with hundreds of dimes. And

Gene Johnston says he was thrilled at the price of the 1914-D CENT, not DIME.

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Well, ain't dimes worth ten times as much as cents?

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Anyhow you can expect the editor to get confused about any coin issued later than 476 A.D.

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Then too, in describing Bill Koonce's display on page 3, we spelt "Chivalry" as "Xhivalry". We were just demonstrating our knowledge of classical languages (which we ain't got much of). You see, "X" is the Greek "Chi", and therefore "Xhivalry" spells "Chivalry" in Greek.

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Still, we don't feel so bad about our errors after we found one in the Encyclopedia Britannica - where you don't find very many. Put on a plate in the numismatics section we found the so-called "Tribute Penny" of Tiberius listed as being of Augustus.

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Getting back to the Greek language - if we really were there - Doc Herbeck said that although he had studied Greek for years, he never properly mastered it. This led the Hermit of Skunk Hollow to make one of his usual futile suggestions. The Hermit pointed out that the Greek alphabet was derived from the Phoenician; therefore all that Doc would have to do would be to master the Phoenician language first, and then Greek would come easy to him.

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We made another slight error in describing Earle Stanton's Babylonian seals. Doc Archer says that one of 'em ain't Babylonian; it's Sumerian. We cheerfully admit that we don't know the difference - and maybe Earle doesn't either.

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And anyway we always thought that seals were them animals that used to hang around Seal Beach, and on the Seal Rocks at San Francisco.

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COINAGE DURING SEPTEMBER 1953:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	5,556.00		398,000.00
Quarters	603,778.00		530,900.00
Dimes	511,111.20		300,000.00
Nickels	235,155.00		680,750.00
Cents	134,711.00	304,000.00	798,900.00

Cumulative, January to September 1953 (pieces):

Half dollars	2,727,078	1,940,000	16,604,400
Commemorative half dollars	8,003	8,003	8,003
Quarters	11,235,068	8,860,000	44,994,000
Dimes	46,139,078	36,600,000	102,453,000
Nickels	28,407,000	8,780,900	41,527,000
Cents	93,694,000	151,500,000	481,830,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.
The Philadelphia Mint also struck in September - For Cuba: 644,000 50-centavos and 1,000,000 pesos in silver.

THOSE CORNERSTONE COINS OF ATWOOD MacDONALD'S - Lack of space crowded out what we wanted to say about these last month. When the Children's Convalescent Hospital, 850 South 36th St., San Diego was being torn down to build a new building, among the objects taken from the cornerstone were coins to the face value of $5.50. Among them were a couple of the scarcer ones, so Atwood offered $75.00 to the San Diego Society for Crippled Children for them, which offer was accepted. These are the coins that Atwood showed at the C.S.N.A. convention and at our own meeting.
The local papers printed quite a bit about this, including a picture of Atwood buying the coins. The Society plans to place a set of 1953 coins in the cornerstone of the new building.

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And here's some of the convention stuff that also got crowded out last month. The banquet was good, and was well attended. Johnny Lenker and Everett Ostrom put

on another of their "Swedish Ambassador" skits - and it is a shame that Emil Johnson missed the banquet. He could have given Johnny and Everett expert criticism.

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Ralph Mitchell is another who missed the banquet; but he was thinking about it, because he phoned greetings from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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In making the introductions, Lew Panosh asked that applause be withheld until they were finished. Which sounds kind of optimistic; suppose there wasn't no applause?

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As usual, some nice prizes were given, both on the raffle and as door prizes, as well as for guessing the amount of money in a jar. On the latter Louie Walrath won a $2.50 gold piece; perhaps he was able to make such an accurate guess because he keeps his savings in a fruit jar at home, and so knows how much one of 'em holds.

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Bill Johnson won the electric blanket - but who needs an electric blanket in California?

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Other prizes were won by - among others - Grace Brainard, Doc Emmons, Bill Sexton, Anna Panosh, Jack Ogilvie, Francis Jones, and Doc Ray Wilson. Frank Hernandez also won one - but donated it back again to be re-given.

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Maybe if it was a crown he would have kept it.

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Dick Yeoman of Racine, Wisconsin arrived a day late, having been delayed by a train wreck. He wasn't in the wreck, but the track was blocked for several hours by an earlier freight train which jumped the track.

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When we say an earlier freight train it sounds like we mean Dick came in a later freight train.

The display judges were John Ohls, Major Charlie Kappen, and Tom Ward. Judging is a tough job when so much good stuff is exhibited. John said that after the 12 awards were made, he supposed the judges would have 12 friends and 300 enemies in the organization hereafter.

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Perhaps the judges should have split the ribbons to make them go further. Then they would have at least 24 friends.

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Having been appointed a judge, Tom ward withdrew his own display from competition, and then went soliciting bribes from the other exhibitors. The graft was pretty poor; the best he could get was 12¢ from one exhibitor, 2¢ from another, and a free lunch from a third. From the amounts of the bribes offered, it seems that there is a low opinion of the value of Tom's judgement.

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Thelma Case was unofficial conductress on the bus trip - but she didn't make much out of that either.

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After hearing Tom Ward lecture on Roman coins, Francis Jones and Clive Foss said he "belonged in a museum". However they failed to state what part of a museum - whether among the fossils or the mummies.

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Doc and Elise Wallace, with Sam and May Chamberlain, finished another western tour. They visited the Indian Pueblos, the Natural Bridge, and the Arches National Monument. After looking at the pueblos, Elise may want Doc to remodel their house.

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As for the Natural Bridge, they didn't have to go so far to see a bridge. They could have looked at the Balboa Park bridge any time.

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And they could have seen arches by going no farther than Dana Point.

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PROSPECTOR? - Abe Beck also was on a trip through the

gold country of central California. Could he have been looking for a gold mine?

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A gold mine would be a handy thing for a numismatist to won.

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The prominent sculptor, James Earle Fraser, died at Westport, Connecticut on October 11, aged 76. He was known to numismatists chiefly through his work on the buffalo nickel, but his most famous work was "The End of the Trail", an exhausted Indian on a weary horse.

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ANCIENT COINS GIVEN TO ROYAL CHILDREN - London, Dec. 9 - Princess Anne, 3, today received a 390-year old crooked sixpence, and her brother, Prince Charles, 5, got a groat (fourpenny coin) - both minted in the reign of Elizabeth I.

The coins were presented to the children by an antique firm in Kent, in honor of Queen Elizabeth's six-month tour of 14 Commonwealth nations.

Princess Anne was delighted with her bent sixpence. When she is older, the sixpence could mean even more to her. Elizabethan swains used to bend a sixpence and give it to their sweethearts as a sign of love.

Charles' groat bears the dates 1558-61 and represents the daily wage of one of the seamen who sailed around the world with Sir Francis Drake.

- San Diego Union.

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Now that the little prince and princess have the start of a coin collection, we hope they keep it up.

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We are thinking of getting out another directory of members some time early next year; the old one is rather obsolete due to our getting so many new members after it was printed. So please be sure that the secretary has your name and address accurate.

This time we would like to include your collecting interests, but to do so, we would have to know just what all of you collect. We know what some of you

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collect, but not all. Anyway, if you all will give this information to the secretary, we will print it in the new directory.

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You fellers and gals must have been spending a lot of money for coins. We see by the paper that money in circulation increased $100,000,000 during the week ending December 2.

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We also see by the "Circulated proof" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland that that club held a "Coinival". Evidently them Oaklanders speak with a Joisy accent.

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Wonder if we will be able to understand 'em when we go north for the next C.S.N.A. convention.

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Now we will close with another reminder: our installation of officers and dinner, January 9 at the Manor Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego. This is one of our big events; everyone always has a good time, so be sure to come - and bring your friends. And don't forget to bring something for the exhibit. Also we repeat: get your reservations in early. Anyway if you have been to our previous installations you know how good they are; if not, come this time and find out for yourself.

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We'll be seeing you there - all of you, we hope.

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